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U.S.S. PANAY SURVIVORS ALL SUFFERING FROM SHOCK

Shanghai, To-day.

An amended list of stretcher cases among the crew of the Panay has been issued from the U.S.S. Augusta, as follows:

A. Kozak, machinist, serious chest wounds,

E. W. G. Hulsebus, coxswain, serious back wounds,

Zeigler, cook, head and body wounds,

C. S. Schroyer, seaman, head and leg wounds,

N. L. Davis, fireman, shock,

J. S. Lang, quartermaster, cuts on the face and chest,

Carl Birk, electrician, back wounds,

Hibbard, fireman, hip wounds,

Green, seaman, shoulder wounds.

In addition to Lt. Com. Hughes and Lt. Geist, the entire ship's company, including many slightly injured, are suffering from shock, exposure and strain due to nature of the attack and their subsequent experiences.

ABSOLUTE MIRACLE

It is said that it is an absolute miracle that they escaped.

News correspondents who were on board the Panay and who are safe and now en route to Shanghai on the U.S.S. Oahu, are:

C. M. Macdonald, British, formerly editor of the "China Mail" and now of the London "Times"; Weldon James, American, of United Press;

James Soong, Hawaiian-born Chinese, of the New York "Times";

Luigi Barzini, Italian, of the "Corriere della Sera";

Sandro Sandri, another Italian correspondent, it will be recalled, was killed in the bombing. — Reuter.

London, To-day.
New grave danger for the situation in the Far East is believed to have arisen from the fact that the Japanese Army and Navy will oppose to the utmost any action which might involve the person of the Emperor, in connection with the demands made arising out of the Yangtse incidents.

No word, it is stated, is mentioned in the Japanese press of the joint Anglo-American demarches, which include the demand that the Emperor must apologise for the bombing and sinking of the U.S.S. Panay, and must undertake to guarantee that adequate measures be taken to make a repetition of these incidents impossible.

U.S. OPINION HARDENING

The situation, it is stated, will and boarded by Japanese officers, undoubtedly take a turn for the worse, if the American demand, doubt regarding the deliberate nature of the outrage, and is expected to harden public opinion. (Continued on Page 24)

The attitude of the Foreign Secretary, Mr. Anthony Eden, in refusing to inform the House of Commons on Tuesday on the attitude taken by the British Government, is further regarded as ominous.

TWELVE APOLOGIES

The London evening papers state that Japan has made no less than 12 different apologies in connection with the Yangtse incidents, which indicate that Japan now fully realizes the seriousness of her actions. The apologies, in themselves, it is stated, do not mean much and do not suffice to give satisfaction either to America or to Britain. Japan comes in for a severe condemnation for these acts, and one is led to conclude that the tensions will increase during the next few days.

OPINION HARDENING

The dramatic revelation (See Page Eleven) that the U.S.S. Panay, lying disabled and sinking from a bomb attack, was machine-gunned by Japanese launches in the river

INCREASE IN CHINA FLEET GIVEN LONDON CONSIDERATION

London, To-day.

It is expected that a day will be allotted in the House of Commons early next week to satisfy the Labour demand for a debate on the foreign situation, particularly with reference to recent events in China.

According to the diplomatic correspondent of the "Daily Telegraph," consideration is being given in London to the desirability of reinforcing British naval strength in Far Eastern waters.

It is not certain, however, that ships will be despatched at this stage.

Naval reinforcements, up to the heaviest types, are available, but decision to despatch them will only be taken after very careful consideration of all elements in the situation. — Reuter.

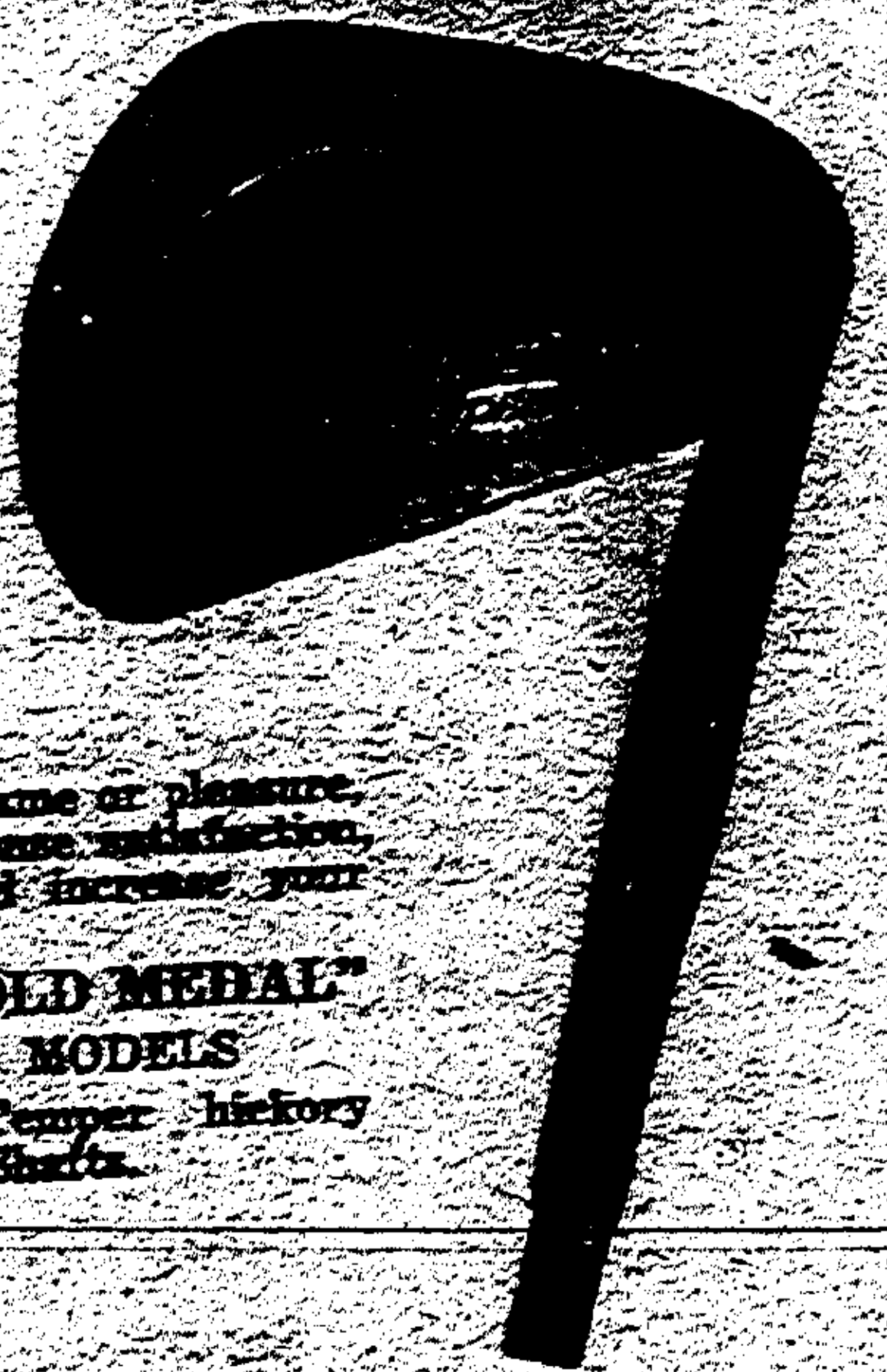
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Cabinet Meeting This Morning To Agree Text

COMPENSATION AND PUNISHMENT OF OFFENDERS

London, To-day.

Britain is expected to send a strongly worded Note to Japan following the attacks on British ships in the Yangtse.

It is believed that approval will be given the Note when the Cabinet meets this morning.

The Prime Minister and the Foreign Secretary were in consultation last night, and it is understood that other Ministers are in close touch with every phase of the situation.

The Note, in all probability, will ask for compensation,

Will demand that immediate effective steps be taken by the Japanese to prevent further occurrences of a similar kind, and

Will request a general assurance for the safety of British nationals, ships and other property.

It is understood that the terms of the British Note may be on similar lines to that sent to Japan by the United States.—Reuter.

NO REFERENCE TO EMPEROR

London, To-day.

The note of protest, which was anticipated by the Japanese Government, will be sent to Japan in the next few hours against the attacks on British shipping in the Yangtse.

It is understood that the Note will not refer to the Emperor of Japan but the question of compensation for damage, and punishment of the offenders, are to be included in the protest.—Reuter.

FRENCH INTEREST

Paris, To-day.

Events in the Far East are being followed with close attention here, and interest is concentrated on the anticipated decisions of London and Washington.—Trans-Ocean.

GERMAN CAUTION

Berlin, To-day.

Germany has drawn the attention of the Japanese military authorities to the presence on board the "Whangpoo" of members of the German Embassy when the vessel was attacked by Japanese airmen.

The German diplomatic representative in Shanghai has been instructed to make representations to the Japanese authorities on the subject, and to stress that it had long been known that the Embassy staff was on board the bombed vessel.—Trans-Ocean.

APOLOGY CONVEYED

The Japanese Ambassador in London called on the Foreign Secretary yesterday to offer the apologies of his Government for the attacks on H.M. ships on the Yangtse. He



A record number of students, a third of them girls, have enrolled for the winter session at the East Anglian Institute of Agriculture, Chelmsford, Essex, which has just opened. Photo shows—A modern chariot at the farm institute showing girl students with their implements off for a lesson. (Fox Copyright).

FRANCO-YUGO-SLAV TRADE PACT

Belgrade, To-day.

A Franco-Yugo-Slav Trade Agreement, to come into operation on January 1 next year, was signed by the French Foreign Minister, M. Yvon Delbos, and the Yugo-Slav Foreign Minister yesterday morning.—Reuter.

stated that his Government was not yet in full possession on the facts but are actively pressing their enquiries.—British Wireless.

COMMONS QUESTION

London, To-day.

The Foreign Secretary, Mr. Eden, was asked in the Commons yesterday for a further statement regarding the attacks on British shipping by Japanese forces on the Yangtse River.

He replied: "The Government have under urgent examinations the situation created by these attacks. I regret I am not in a position to make any further statement to-day but to-morrow I expect to be able to give a full reply to the question."—British Wireless.

SOVIET HOLDS AIR GAMES AT VLADIVOSTOK

Moscow, To-day.

Belated press reports reveal that large-scale air manoeuvres were held recently at Vladivostok under the personal direction of Marshal Blucher, commander of the Red Army in the Far East.

The manoeuvres were primarily designed to gain experience with regard to employment of the air arm under Arctic conditions.—Trans-Ocean.

Munich, To-day.

The world-famous Oberammergau Passion Play will take place in 1940 in absolutely unchanged form.—Trans-Ocean.

GERMANY WILL RECOGNISE ONLY CHIANG'S GOVERNMENT

Berlin, To-day.

It is stated in well-informed quarters that constitution of the new "government of the Republic of China" does not modify Germany's relations with General Chiang Kai-shek, whom Germany continues to regard as the sole legal government of China.

It is added that Germany will continue to be represented by Dr. Oscar Trautmann in General Chiang Kai-shek's government.—Reuter.

TORIES REJECT DISCUSSION ON COLONIES

London, To-day.

A group of 70 Conservative Members of Parliament yesterday unanimously adopted a resolution rejecting the suggestion that any of the former German colonies, now under British mandate, should be returned to Germany.

The resolution was passed during the session of the parliamentary committee of the Empire Industry Board.

The resolution points out that colonies should not be returned "because Germany refuses to partake in any discussion for a general European settlement."—Trans-Ocean.

The prizes of the Amateur Movie Makers Contest will be awarded and the prize-winning films shown on December 20th, 1937, at 5 p.m. in the office Film Depot. All contestants and friends will be welcome.



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Pale Moon (Logan).
The World Is Mine To-night (Posford).
Land Without Music—Medley (O. Strauss).
12.40 p.m.—Waltzes.
The Broken String.
The Swallow Waltz.
Russian Novelty Orchestra.
Coeur Ardent.
Souvenir Fleuri (Composer Unknown).
Nullo Romani & His Orch.
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The Last Waltz (O. Strauss).
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1 p.m.—Local Time Signal and Weather Report.
1.03 p.m.—Orquesta Tipica Francisco Canaro.
Desconfiale—Tango (Canaro-Pelay).
Novia—Tango (Rofrano-Gorrindo).
El Que A Hierro Mata—Tango (Canaro Pelay).
1.13 p.m.—Jack Hylton & His Orchestra.
1.30 p.m.—Reuter & Rugby Press; Local Weather Report and Announcements.
1.40 p.m.—Variety.
2.15 p.m.—Close down.
4-7 p.m.—Chinese Programme.
7 p.m.—Brahms—Double Concerto In A

Minor, Op. 102.
Thibaud (Violin) & Casals (Cello) and The Pablo Casals Orchestra, Barcelona, conducted by Alfred Cortot.
7.35 p.m.—Closing local Stock Quotations & Hong Kong Exchange Market Report.
7.40 p.m.—Studio—The Walkiki Trio (The Ho Brothers).
8 p.m.—Local Time Signal, Weather Report and Announcements.
8.03 p.m.—Alexander Kipnis (Bass) & Ewald Bohmer (Baritone).
"Die Meistersinger von Nurnberg" (Wagner).
The Feast of John, Midsummer Day.
Kipnis.
"Der Rosenkavalier" (R. Strauss).
Herr Kavalier....Kipnis with E. Ruzivka (Soprano).
The Magic Flute (Mozart).
A Fowler bold in me you see.
Ewald Bohmer (Baritone).
8.15 p.m.—London Relay—"World Affairs".
8.30 p.m.—London Relay—"Music in the Morning".
9 p.m.—Spanish Music.
Spanish Dance—
No. 1—Oriental (Granados).
No. 2—Andalous (Granados).
New Light Symphony Orchestra.
Cond: Eugene Goossens.
The Lover and the Nightingale (Granados)....Eileen Joyce (Piano).
Spanish Dance, Op. 54, No. 5 (Poper)....Casals (Cello) with Piano accomp. by Nicolai Mednikoff.
If I Could Forget Your Eyes (Sandoval-Albeniz).
It is you (Sandoval).
Beniamino Gigli (Tenor).
Spanish Dance, No. 3—Rondalla Aragonesa (Granados).
Triana (Albeniz orchestrated by Arbos)....New Light Symphony Orchestra—Cond: Eugene Goossens.
9.30 p.m.—London Relay—"The News".
9.50 p.m.—Joseph Szigeti (Violin).
Sonata In D Major (Handel)....with Nikita De Magaloff at the Piano.
10.02 p.m.—New Variety & Dance Records.
11 p.m.—Close down.

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8.15 a.m.—Big Ben "World Affairs." A talk by J.E. Briery, O.B.E., Chichele Professor of International Law, Oxford.
8.30 a.m.—From the Popular Operas.
9.20 a.m.—The Birthday of His Majesty King George VI. Salute of guns at the Tower of London, and a description of the scene, broadcast from the Tower of London.
9.35 a.m.—The News & Announcements.
Greenwich Time Signal at 9.45 a.m.
9.55 a.m.—Variety.
10.25 a.m.—Close down.

TRANSMISSION 2

Frequencies—
GSJ 21.53 Mc/s (13.93 m.)
GSH 21.47 Mc/s (13.97 m.)
GSG 17.79 Mc/s (16.86 m.)
GSO 15.18 Mc/s (19.76 m.)

10.45 a.m.—Big Ben Beethoven String Quartets.
11.10 a.m.—"The Goddess Fortune." A drama of back-stage life.
11.50 a.m.—Luigi Vosselli and his Hungarian Orchestra.
12.15 p.m.—"World Affairs".
12.30 p.m.—"Music in the Morning".
1 p.m.—Sea Shanties.
1.30 p.m.—The News & Announcements.
Greenwich Time Signal at 1.45 p.m.
1.55 p.m.—Close down.

TRANSMISSION 3

Frequencies—
GSH 21.47 Mc/s (13.97 m.)
GSG 17.79 Mc/s (16.86 m.)
GSF 15.14 Mc/s (19.82 m.)
GSJ (to 3.30 p.m.) 21.53 Mc/s
2.15 p.m.—Big Ben. Brass Band Concert.
3 p.m.—"Palace of Varieties".
4 p.m.—The News & Announcements.
Greenwich Time Signal at 4.15 p.m.
4.20 p.m.—"Matters of Moment." A talk by Edward Thompson.
4.35 p.m.—Orchestral Music by Bach.
5 p.m.—Close down.

BRIDGE NOTES

By ELY CULBERTSON

Defense De Luxe

If contract were played with all 52 cards exposed, there would be less wailing and moaning from those players who claim that they never can guess a finesse. But this would be a slight boon indeed because the game would die out in a month. Not that I wish to imply that the fascination of contract lies in "guesses." Far from it! Guessing the location of an honour means little, or nothing, in terms of skill. If the following hand, for instance, were played at double dummy (with all hands exposed), how could East put up the brilliant defence that he actually did?

East, dealer.
Both sides vulnerable.

NORTH

S.—9 8 5
H.—A K J 10
D.—7 5 4 2
C.—A K

WEST

S.—7
H.—9 8 6 4 3 2
D.—J 9 3
C.—J 6 2

EAST

S.—A K 3
H.—Q
D.—A Q 10 8
C.—9 8 5 4 3

SOUTH

S.—Q J 10 6 4 2
H.—7 5
D.—K 6
C.—Q 10 7

The bidding:

East	South	West	North
1 diamond	1 spade	Pass	4 spades
Pass	Pass	Pass	

North's double jump was unconventional, based as it was on only three spades to the nine, but probably was the best bid available. South had found a vulnerable overcall. With North's great strength in hearts and clubs, it was a safe bet that South's spade suit could stand less than adequate trump support. The alternative bid of three hearts by North would have been ambiguous in that it would convey a picture of at least five and, probably, six hearts.

West dutifully opened the diamond jack, and East carefully stud-

ied the dummy before he followed suit. The prospect of defeating the hand was none too good, he saw—two spades and one diamond appearing to be the defenders' only tricks.

There was a chance, of course, that South held three diamonds to the king, in which case East's diamond quota would be raised a trick. If this condition existed, well and good. But, meanwhile, East saw a definite hope for defeating the contract even if declarer had only the king and one diamond. (West could have no more than three diamonds, otherwise he would have opened his fourth highest.)

As preparation for his defensive coup, East carefully refrained from playing the ace of diamonds to the first trick, choosing the queen instead. Declarer won with the king and, as ninety-nine players in a hundred would, started to take out trumps. East captured dummy's eight with the king, and laid down the heart queen. Declarer had a presage of disaster, but the fat was in the fire and there was nothing he could do except go on drawing trumps. On a low trump lead from dummy, East hopped up with the ace, and now came the crucial play, the diamond eight! East had seen that declarer had started with six spades and this fact made it all the more unlikely that he had held three diamonds. If two diamond tricks could not be taken, there was only one chance to defeat the contract and that was to find West with the nine of diamonds—a heart ruff (plainly called for by East's previous defence) would save the day. Fate would have been decidedly lacking in a sense of art if it had placed the diamond nine in declarer's hand.

Referring back to the opening call of this article, East's play would have been spoiled if the hand had been played at double dummy and, as a matter of fact, if declarer had been acutely aware of all safety methods. An immediate diamond return by declarer, after winning the diamond king, would have thwarted East's defensive coup before it had even gotten under way. West never could have regained the lead for the vital heart ruff.

What's On At the Cinemas

AT THE QUEEN'S—"Dr. Jekyll and Mr. Hyde", with Fredric March and Miriam Hopkins. The outstanding performance of Fredric March's career. The parts are well acted and true in all details with the original story. Worth seeing again.

AT THE STAR—"The Count of Monte Cristo", with Robert Donat. Alexander Dumas' masterpiece faithfully reproduced.

AT THE ORIENTAL—"The Case Of The Black Cat", with Ricardo Cortez and June Travis. A thrilling-murder mystery melodrama in which a cat plays a very important part.

AT THE KING'S—"The Prisoner of Zenda", with Ronald Colman, Madeleine Carroll, Mary Astor and Douglas Fair-

banks Jr. Anthony Hope's masterpiece filmed in all detail and with outstanding performances by Ronald Colman and Madeleine Carroll.

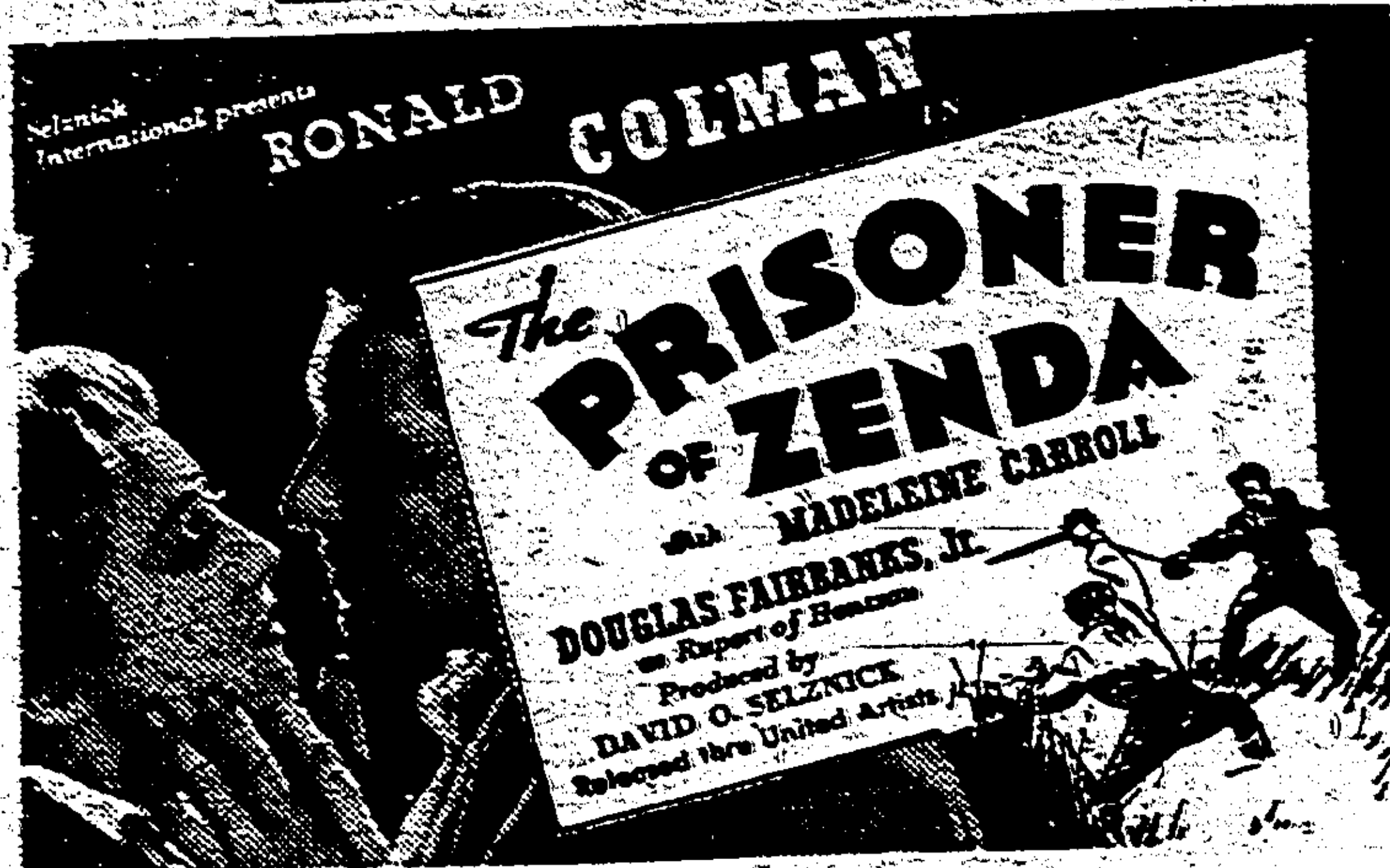
AT THE MAJESTIC—"Woman of Glamour", with Virginia Bruce and Melvyn Douglas. A delightful picture—their supporting cast includes Reginald Denny, Bert Kelton, Leona Maricle and Thurston Hall. Lynn Stirling and Mary C. McCall wrote the screen story from a play by Milton Herbert Gropper.

AT THE ALHAMBRA—"Cattle Thief", with Ken Maynard, Geneva Mitchell, Ward Bond and Sheldon Lewis. Maynard enacts the dual role of a mysterious rider and a stupid peddler. Through a series of spine-chilling adventures the picture reaches a grand climax as Maynard outwits a desperate band of rustlers.



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DEFENCE
DISBELIEVED**

Arraigned before Sir Atholl MacGregor, on a charge of possession of eight ounces of diacetylmorphine, sufficient to make 200,000 heroin pills, Lau Chuen, 42, unemployed seaman, was sentenced to three years and six months' imprisonment at the Criminal Sessions this morning.

The jury empanelled comprised Messrs. J. Wong Chang-ling (Foreman), J. J. Whyte, Chung Pack-cheung, J. R. Gomes, Lee Fook-tong, B. O'Donnell Paterson and G. A. Cruz.

Mr. E. H. Williams stated that accused was arrested during a raid by Chinese Revenue Officers, headed by the Senior Revenue Officer, Mr. A. W. Grimmitt, and the Government Monopoly Analyst, Mr. H. A. Taylor, at about 8.40 p.m. on November 2 last.

The drugs were found in the rear and front cubicles of the premises and, questioned by Mr. Grimmitt, accused stated that the drugs belonged to him and had nothing to do with his wife and children who were also on the premises.

However, at the Police Station, accused made a statement alleging that the drugs belonged to one, Wong Kong.

Accused at the Magistracy said, "I have been used by some person, because I did not know anything of this. I have so many people, old and young. I hope, Your Worship, will deal leniently. I have six children, also a grandfather, who is 78 years old."

Defendant, in the dock said the premises belonged to Wong Kong, who had written to his wife and suggested that he and his wife should look after the flat. He found the packets on the premises but did not know what they were. After he had returned from some tea he found the European officers in the flat and opened the packets. Had he known that they contained anything illegal, he would not have returned.

After a short retirement, the Jury unanimously found defendant guilty. Passing sentence, His Lordship said that it was impossible for anyone to be in Hong Kong without knowing and knowing well of the attitude taken by the authorities in dealing with atomisable offences like this. He was satisfied that the object of defendant in having possession of drugs was to make it into pills for unhappy pill smokers.

**LAST-MINUTE
POSTPONEMENT**

London, To-day.

Yesterday afternoon's session of the non-intervention committee was postponed indefinitely at the last minute.

It is stated that a further exchange of views on certain points is necessary.—Trans-Ocean.

Shanghai, To-day.

Japanese marines who have been in continuous war service in Shanghai since the outbreak of hostilities have left Hongkew for the Sasebo Naval Base.—Our Own Correspondent.

Four cases of smallpox, one of diphtheria and one of typhoid fever, were reported to the local Health Authorities in the 24 hours ended at midnight on Tuesday.

**HOLLAND'S
CONSCRIPT
INCREASE**

The Hague, To-day.

A large increase in the Netherlands conscript army was voted by the Lower Chamber yesterday.

The annual conscript contingent has been raised from under 20,000 to 32,000, from the Spring of 1939.

The period of training will be eleven, instead of eight and a half months.—Reuter.

**1,000 PERSONS
TO THE ACRE
IN VICTORIA**

The housing situation in Victoria is at the same time a sanitary problem, a social problem and an economic problem says the annual report of Dr. Wellington, issued to-day. Victoria is the centre of attraction for the stream of immigrants from China, most of whom are poor people who live from hand to mouth. Accommodation is limited, but the people must find shelter somewhere. A cubicle rents from seven to ten dollars per month, a bed in the passage costs two to three dollars, food costs at least six dollars and the average earnings of a coolie are not above eighteen dollars.

The City of Victoria for the area it occupies is over housed and grossly over-populated. In certain districts a great deal of improvement has been brought about but in some 200 acres, where there are approximately 1,000 persons to the acre, sanitary conditions are bad.

Government has appointed a Housing Committee to enquire into the situation with a view to bringing about some improvement. The problem is not an easy one for there is no space to expand. It can only be solved by demolition and the erection of a new type of house which will be sanitary and at the same time more commodious.

**COLONY'S VITAL
STATISTICS**

Hong Kong's high infantile mortality rate is again the subject of comment in the annual report of the D.M.S.S. A total of 9,905 known cases of deaths of Chinese children under one year occurred, while 19 non-Chinese infantile deaths provided a mortality rate among non-Chinese of 38.83 as compared with 56.92 in 1935.

The Chinese infantile mortality rate, if births registered (26,853) represented the total births, which they do not, would be for 1936 372.42 per thousand, as compared with 316.36 per thousand, which was the equally incorrect rate for the previous year.

Deaths registered among the entire civilian population during 1936 gave a crude death rate of 26.60 as compared with 22.90 in the previous year. The death-rate among non-Chinese was 10.8.

It is also revealed that bronchial pneumonia was responsible for by far the greatest proportion of deaths, 454 per thousand dying of this disease, with the total in 1936 given as 4,493, as against 2,416 attributed to tuberculosis and 2,712 to bronchitis.

HOSTILITIES COMING TO SOUTH CHINA NEXT

Shanghai, To-day.

With the Japanese campaign in the Central China region concluding its first stage following the occupation of Nanking, foreign observers are of the opinion that the Japanese will hold off for at least two weeks before attempting to continue military operations.

It is believed that resumption of the campaign will involve either a drive on Hankow or prolonged hostilities in South China.

If the Japanese choose to attack Hankow, it is stated they will probably do so both from the north and along the Yangtse.

The majority of observers are of the opinion that the next scene of the Sino-Japanese War will be South China, where a large-scale Japanese drive is expected to be launched in an effort to cut China's last remaining route to the sea.

This belief, it is pointed out, is strengthened by recent activities of Japanese warships and planes in South China, which point ominously to the fact that a determined drive is imminent as soon as the hands of the Japanese army and navy are freed after completion of the occupation of Nanking.

Unconfirmed Chinese reports current in Shanghai state that some 50,000 Japanese troops are being removed from the Central China area and are being transported to South China in preparation for a large-scale drive.

FURTHER DRIVE

Chinese sources believe that a further Japanese drive up the Yangtse is not likely to be undertaken immediately, and think that after occupying Nanking, Japanese troops in Central China will probably engage in consolidating their positions and in ferreting out isolated groups of Chinese mobile units, which have been reported to be actively harassing Japanese communication lines and garrisons.

HANGCHOW

The next large scale campaign of the Japanese in Kiangsu, Chekiang and Anhwei sector is likely to be towards Hangchow, which forms the last remaining important city in the area still under Chinese control.

That the Japanese are preparing a drive towards the lakeside city is evidenced by the fact that Japanese army labour corps have been reported busily repairing bridges along the highway and railway.—Reuter.

"MAIL" PREDICTION

As exclusively revealed in the "China Mail" yesterday, new dispositions of the Japanese naval forces, are serving to confirm rumours of an impending large-scale Japanese onslaught on South China.

It is now known here, for instance, that Japanese marines have taken possession of the large island of Waichao, north-west of Hainan, half way between Haiphong and Linchow, and 30 miles due south of Pakhoi.

Furthermore, the Japanese naval command has stationed five Japanese cruisers and various auxiliary craft at St. John's Island, between Hong

Kong and the French possession of Kwangchauwan.

Finally, a further detachment of Japanese marines has been landed on Kinmen Island, near Amoy.

R.A.F. FLIGHTS IN WILTSHIRE FORBIDDEN

London, To-day.

The Air Ministry, after consultation with the War Office, has decided to forbid until further notice, flight of R.A.F. planes over the county of Wiltshire, "in order to prevent further spreading of foot and mouth disease in this area."

It is suspected that the germ is being carried further afield by planes.

The Ministry of Agriculture, it is reported, has expressed the fear that the disease may spread further West in the near future.

Foot and mouth disease has been ravaging many European countries, including Germany, France and the Netherlands.—Trans-Ocean.

R.A.F. OFFICER MURDERED

Baghdad, To-day.

Pilot Officer George William Jones, of the Royal Air Force, was found murdered on the highway near Baghdad yesterday.

He had been cycling on a visit to friends.—Reuter.

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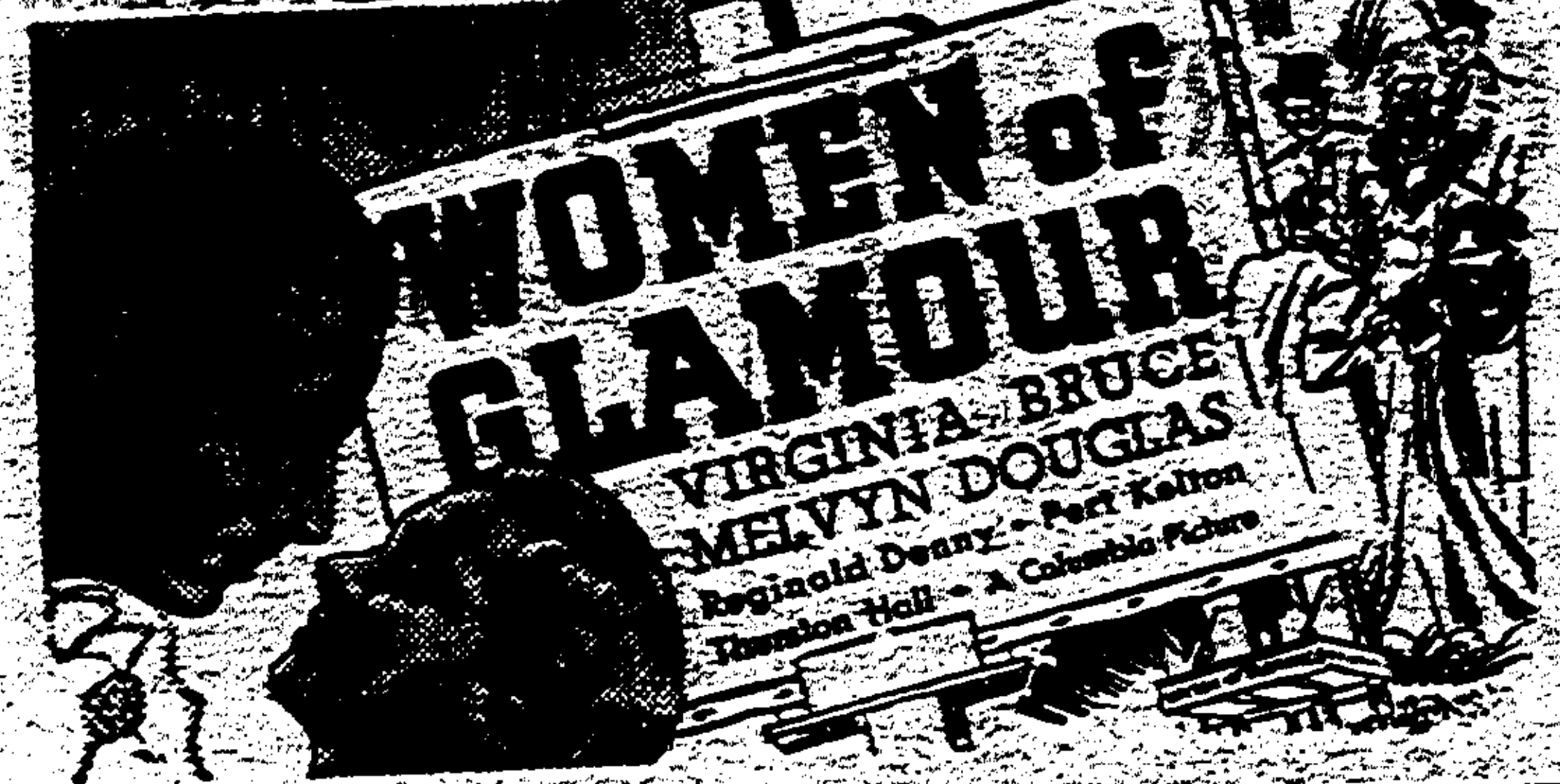
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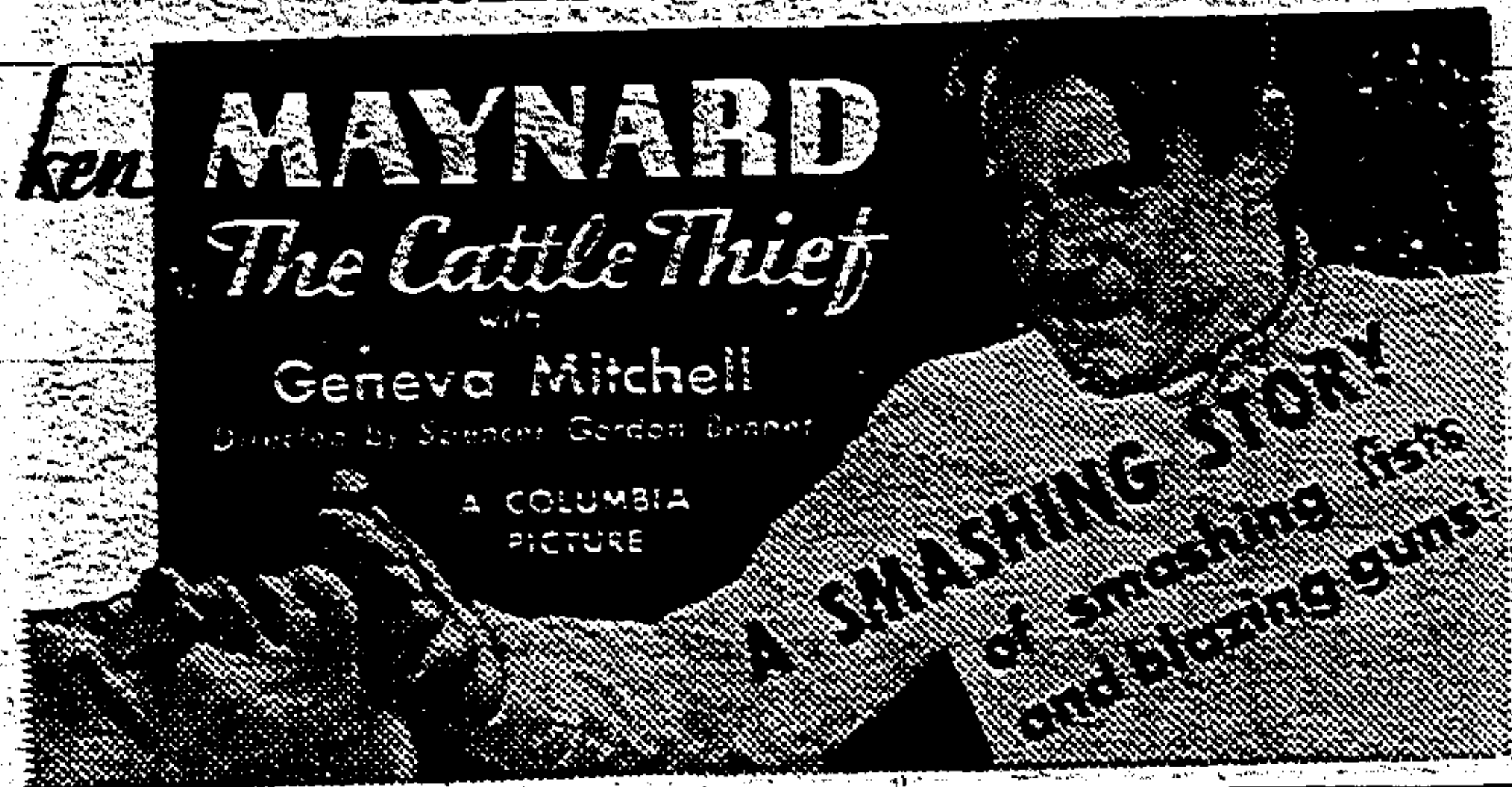
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TWO YEARS IN FORGERY CASE

Found guilty of possession of 17 forged (Kwangtung Provincial Bank) \$1 bank-notes, 28-year-old Cheung Yik-fan, was sentenced to two years' hard labour by the Chief Justice, Sir Atholl MacGregor, at the Criminal Sessions this morning.

The accused pleaded not guilty and the following jury was empanelled: Messrs. C. E. da Rozario (Foreman), G. S. Rodger, Tsoi Sai-fan, F. F. Dunnett, H. O. Marcal, D. D. A. Alonco and Ng Chan-kwan.

Outlining the case for the prosecution, the Assistant Attorney General, Mr. E. H. Williams, stated that the accused was arrested when he was about to proceed to Canton. His rattle suit-case was searched and it was found to have a false bottom.

When searched by Detective-Sergeant E. S. Brookes, 17 forged notes were found in his breast pocket.

After other witnesses had given evidence, accused made a statement, denying that he knew that the notes were forgeries.

The Import Department of Messrs. Jardine, Matheson and Co., Ltd., have again issued very handsome little pocket books on behalf of White Horse Whisky.

SNOW BLIZZARD HITS NORTH BRITAIN

London, To-day.

Many parts of the British Isles are in the grip of severe wintry weather and in Northern England and Scotland, heavy snowfalls have isolated several villages and brought all traffic on country roads to a standstill.

Scotland experienced an exceptionally severe blizzard last night. The Edinburgh-London night express was held up owing to a freight train ahead being snowed up. While waiting, snowdrifts accumulated and the express reached Carlisle over seven hours late.—British Wireless.

FOUR KILLED IN R.A.F. DISASTER

London, To-day.

An R.A.F. bombing plane crashed at Stopham Bridge, in Sussex, late on Monday evening.

The entire crew of four was instantaneously killed.

So far this year the R.A.F. has lost 147 men in crashes.—Trans-Ocean.

EMPEROR MAY PRESIDE AT SPECIAL SESSION OF IMPERIAL HEADQUARTERS

Tokyo, To-day.

"IMPERIAL Headquarters" and the Cabinet will be summoned for an extraordinary session, says the "Asahi Shimbun," in order to decide the military and political terms of the peace to be concluded with China.

The session will be presided over by the Emperor himself, says the paper.

Political circles state that the fall of Nanking "initiates a new era in the Far East," and is therefore "an extremely important event for Japan and her neighbouring states."

INTENSIFIED CONFLICT

"Responsibility for maintenance of peace in the Far East will in the future rest exclusively on Japanese shoulders," says the "Asahi Shimbun," and the Japanese Empire will play a far more important role in international politics than hitherto.

"It seems likely that the conflict between Japanese and Soviet and other foreign countries' interests in China will be greatly intensified in the future."—Trans-Ocean.

"ANNIHILATION"

Tokyo, To-day.

The Premier, Prince Konoye, declared yesterday that "after the fall of Nanking, the Chinese Central Government is nothing more than merely a local Government."

The Premier said that military operations would be continued until all anti-Japanese movements in China had been "annihilated."

Fall of Nanking was a clarification of the whole problem of China.—Trans-Ocean.

FRANCO CLOSES FRONTIERS

Gibraltar, To-day.

General Franco has closed all frontiers, apparently in preparation for his new offensive.

No persons are allowed to enter Spain "for recreation purposes."

The Spanish frontier adjoining France was closed some days ago.—Reuter.

BRITAIN'S HUGE REARMAMENT PROGRAMME

London, To-day.

Sir Thomas Inskip, Minister for Co-operation of Defence, speaking in London, said that the rearmament programme would not slow down for four or five years.

Expenditure on defence, which stood at £77,000,000 in 1913 to 1914, and in 1924 at £113,000,000, amounted to £278,000,000 in 1937.

In 1938-1939, between £320,000,000 and £340,000,000 would be spent.

Government depended on the ingenuity and skill of manufacturers for assistance. If it had not been for the highest degree of willingness on the part of the manufacturers, the Government could not, even if it had had a nationalised industry, have done one-tenth of what had been possible.

Rearmament had not reached anything like the full momentum which it might attain in about eighteen months.

THE OPTIMIST

There was no reason for the slightest lament of gloom or depression. Industry generally was developing at the same time. There were, in various parts of the country, new factories which, as yet were only in the early stages of preparation, and at which hundreds of thousands of men and possibly women would be employed.

The industrial strength of the country was greater to-day. By means of the re-armament programme, we had trained a new army of confident workpeople.

Sir Thomas Inskip said he had unflinching optimism regarding the British race and the capacity of the Government to guide policy so that the great disaster of war would be avoided.—British Wireless.

TEWFIK PASHA JILTS AUSTRIAN GIRL FIANCEE

London, To-day.

Surprise has been caused here by Cairo despatches which state that the former Egyptian Premier, Tewfik Nassim Pasha, has now voluntarily renounced his intention of marrying the 17-year-old Austrian girl, Maria Hueber.

It will be recalled that the ex-Premier, who is over 70, met the lady last summer in a Vienna hotel, of which her father is the proprietor.

Nassim Pasha's family had taken legal proceedings to have the ex-Premier declared of unsound mind following his engagement to Fraulein Hueber, but press reports now state that judgment in favour of the ex-Premier has been given by an Egyptian court.

Hence all the more surprise has been aroused by the statement of Nassim Pasha's legal adviser that the engagement has been broken off.—Trans-Ocean.

PERSONAL APOLOGY OF EMPEROR OF JAPAN

President Roosevelt's Panay Incident Demand

MR. HULL DECLINES TO DISCUSS EXTENT OF ANGLO-U.S. ASSOCIATION

Washington, To-day.

With the presentation of a formal Note to Japan in regard to the sinking of the U.S.S. Panay, the atmosphere here is one of calm expectancy.

The Secretary of State, Mr. Cordell Hull, yesterday called on President Roosevelt at the White House to inform him of the latest developments, and later received pressmen, though he had virtually nothing to impart.

Asked about London reports of the British and American Governments co-operating closely upon matters arising from the Yangtse incidents, Mr. Hull replied that he had nothing new to say.

It is unofficially gathered, however, that the two governments have maintained very close contact since the bombings were first reported.

Japan's eagerness to apologise, even before receipt of the Note, leaves the State Department in something of a quandary, as it is not quite clear whether a further formal reply should be expected, or the apologies should be regarded as sufficient.

Mr. Hull, closely questioned on this point, declined to commit himself.

CONGRESS ISOLATIONISTS

Isolationist members of Congress have seized on the passage in the Note referring to the Sino-Japanese hostilities as a pretext for demanding enforcement of the Neutrality Act, but scarcely a voice is raised against the President's action in handling the situation without reference to Congress, as he is constitutionally empowered to do. — Reuter.

UNITED STATES' DEMAND

Washington, To-day.

It is learned that the United States expects a formal expression of regret from Japan concerning the Panay incident, complete and comprehensive indemnification and an assurance that definite and specific steps will be taken to ensure that American nationals, interests and property in China are not subjected to attack or unlawful interference by Japan.

It is added that in the present case, the acts of Japanese armed forces were in complete disregard of American rights.

High officials in Washington indicated that President Roosevelt would only be satisfied if the Emperor of Japan apologised for the bombing. — Reuter.

PERSONAL APOLOGY

Washington, To-day.

The United States Government has instructed the Ambassador in Tokyo to inform the Japanese Foreign Minister that Washington demands full satisfaction for the Panay incident, and a personal apology from the Emperor.

The American Note of protest, which has been transmitted to Tokyo, calls attention to former incidents where American interests and nationals suffered harm as the result of the way Japanese forces are behaving in China.

Apart from a formal apology, Washington demands full indemnity and definite assurances that special measures be taken to prevent further similar incidents. — Trans-Ocean.

CANTON RUMOURS DENIED

Canton, To-day.

Reports that Mr. T. V. Soong has been appointed Governor of Kwangtung in succession to Gen. Wu Teh-chen, were denied here yesterday.

It is also denied that General Wu is leaving his post to take up a diplomatic appointment in Europe. — Trans-Ocean.

Drizzly Weather

The Royal Observatory reported this morning that the ridge of high pressure has dispersed and an anticyclone of moderate intensity has developed over China.

The China Sea depression is situated between South Hainan and the Paracels and probably continues to fill up slowly.

Local forecast: — N. and N.E. winds fresh; cloudy with drizzle, probably improving.

HANKOW FLIGHT TO HONG KONG?

Hankow, To-day.
Many foreigners in Hankow, perturbed by the bombing of foreign warships and merchantmen, have decided to leave for Hong Kong as soon as possible. — Our Own Correspondent.

HONGKONG LINK WITH CANTON

So closely related are Hong Kong, Canton, Macao and the River Ports, in the matter of trade, and such is the amount of traffic both human and goods which passes between them that up to date it has been found impossible to devise any system of quarantine which would effectually safeguard one city against introduction of disease from the other and at the same time preserve that freedom of commercial movements on which these cities depend for prosperity.

It has been deemed best to treat them as forming one unit, as suburbs the one of the other, and to strive for a working agreement between the various health organisations to the end that some means other than imposing restrictions against a whole port, may be found to prevent the spread of infection, against arrivals from Hong Kong says the Medical and Sanitary Report for 1936 issued to-day.

JAPAN ATTEMPTS TO STEAL MARCH

Tokyo, To-day.

Japan stole a march on the United States yesterday when the Foreign Minister, Mr. Koki Hirota, handed to the American Ambassador a Note expressing profound regret at the sinking of the Panay and three Standard Oil ships.

The Note offered full indemnity for the loss of life and damage done. It also promised to call to account those responsible for the incident.

Stringent orders have been given to make it impossible for any future repetition of the tragic occurrence.

In its Note of apology, the Japanese Government expresses the hope that friendly relations between the two countries will remain unclouded, and begs the American Ambassador to transmit its apology to Washington. — Trans-Ocean.

Quarantine restrictions imposed by the Government of Weihaiwei and the authorities at Shanghai to prevent the spread of infection, against arrivals from Hong Kong on account of cholera have been removed.

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ART EXHIBITIONS

Proceeds For War Relief

The Hong Kong Working Artists' Guild announces that a series of Exhibitions will be presented in the near future by the Guild.

The first of this series will be two Exhibitions of Chinese water-colour paintings by Misses Hung Pik Sheung, Hung Yiu Sheung and Hung Pui Sheung who, it will be recalled, had already held a successful Exhibition at the Hop-Yat Church in September in aid of the War Relief, and the great colourist Mr. Chiu Shiu Ngong who was a member of the Chinese Fine Arts Club of Canton. The joint Exhibition of the Hung sisters will be held at the St. Francis Hotel from Saturday the 13th inst. till Wednesday the 22nd, and that of Mr. Chiu Shiu Ngong on the 8th floor of the China Building from Monday the 20th inst. till Friday the 24th. Immediately after Christmas, the Guild will present another Exhibition of Chinese water-colour paintings by Mr. Pau Shiu Yau, principal of the Lai Ching Art College.

Art lovers who attended art exhibitions in the past will no doubt remember that the work of both Mr. Chiu Shiu Ngong and Mr. Pau Shiu Yau had been exhibited on a small scale. Through the coming Exhibitions the public will be afforded an opportunity of seeing

THE WORLD GOES BY
By "ULYSSES"

DO cocktails make good mothers? asks a writer in a Church magazine. Possibly not, but many mothers make excellent cocktails.

A lady killer from somewhere North of the Tweed was said to take them out and starve them to death.

An angry young man rushed into the registrar's office. "Look here," he shouted, "you must have given me the wrong kind of license. I've been leading a dog's life ever since."

You may be married. I, unfortunately, am not, as there appear to be no takers. But if you are married you might care for a spot of advice which isn't at the moment of any use to me.

the entire output of their art.

It is understood that the net proceeds of all sales of pictures effected through these Exhibitions will be applied towards the War Relief.

"When your wife offers you only a tired peck on the cheek when you come home, or when your husband brings home work for every evening, the time has come for you to run away with each other. Even though you're not involved in a marriage triangle, you should run away just the same."

Stick out the jaw, tell your spouse to pack her pyjamas, and buy a couple of railway tickets. The effect is said to be electric.

The modestly anonymous husband who advises this course of reaction in "Readers' Digest" calls the move "a good inoculation against extra-marital attraction."

To put it crudely, sir, as man to man, you may be throwing very extra-marital glances at that little blonde on the Ferry every day; and into your mind, unbidden, have come furtive plans for a week-end trip to Macao.

If this is so, we implore you — the Anonymous Husband and I — to try it first with the wife. Awaken from your home atmosphere you will have a sporting chance to recapture something of the joy and good fellowship of your early married life.

And I, incidentally, will get a chance to see something of the little blonde on the Ferry.

HELP FOR WAR
SUFFERERSBISHOP VALTORTA'S
MESSAGE

It is the duty of good citizens and good Christians to do everything possible to alleviate the sufferings of the victims of the war.

This is the subject of a forceful letter, addressed to the Chinese Catholics of the Hong Kong Vicariate by the Bishop, Mgr. Valtorta.

The Bishop gives great praise to Catholic Chinese for their generosity and self-sacrifice during the war, and urges them to continue in the same spirit as long as the war lasts. He pays a special tribute to the poor for their generosity, and to the ladies and girls who have worked so earnestly in making articles for the wounded, and he points out that the same charitable enthusiasm inspires Catholics all over the country. In order to link together all the activities of Catholic groups a special depot, directed by the Catholic Action organisation, has been established in Hankow.

Bishop Valtorta wishes the work for the relief of the wounded and homeless to be extended to the most remote villages, and he urges small Catholic villages to organise patriotic societies which would help the country by work and prayer, and would put themselves at the disposal of the local authorities for assistance in any way that was needed. All through the letter he insists on the fact that patriotism is a Christian virtue and that obedience to authority and relief of the suffering are the duties of all Catholics.

JAPANESE
ANTI-BRITISH
PROPAGANDA

London, To-day.

A denial that export licenses for dum-dum bullets to China or elsewhere had been given, was made in the House of Commons yesterday by Mr. Oliver Stanley, President of the Board of Trade.

Mr. Stanley was replying to Mr. J. W. Banfield, Labour member for Wednesbury, who stated that this allegation was made in the Japanese news service issued to members of the House of Commons.

Mr. Banfield asked if anything was possible to stop propaganda which caused friction between nations.

Mr. Stanley thought the best way of counteracting false propaganda was to let the truth be known.

He thanked Mr. Banfield for enabling him to state what the position was. — Reuter.

KING AND QUEEN
TO VISIT INDIA

London, To-day.

The King and Queen will pay an official visit to India, at the end of 1938, according to newspaper reports.

The reports state that their Majesties, who will probably leave England at the beginning of November on a British battleship, will also visit Burma. — Trans-Ocean.

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HONG KONG PRISON REFORM

Food Scandal Suggested In Committee's Report

NEW DISCIPLINE, DIFFERENT DIET, AMONG PROPOSALS

"We learned with some astonishment that the system of tendering adopted by the Hong Kong prisons has for many years been by ration and for approximately 20 years has been obtained by a contractor under the sign of Hop Kee.

"We endeavoured to discover who this contractor was but could only find an office in Connaught Road with one clerk in attendance who professed to know nothing about it."

These are remarkable sentences in the Report of the Committee appointed "to consider the recent increase in the number of prisoners in the Colony and to make recommendations in respect of such increases," which was laid on the table in Legislative Council this afternoon.

The committee consisted of the late Mr. T. A. Mitchell, Mr. S. M. Churn and Mr. E. I. Wynne-Jones (chairman), and the report says:

A mass of evidence has been collected which is contained in the file attached. A large part of the information contained therein is necessarily confidential and should not, in our opinion, be published.

In approaching their task the Committee first considered what were the principles of punishment as envisaged by our system of law, particularly in regard to conditions in the Colony. According to the text books, legal punishment is to be regarded as penal, deterrent and reformatory. The penal side is largely governed by the type of sentence passed by the Bench; the deterrent by a combination of the type of sentence and the conditions under which the sentence is carried out; the reformatory only by the prison system itself. We considered that it was not within the scope of our inquiry to investigate the sentence passed by the Judges of the Colony, though to some extent we have considered those passed by the Magistrates. The second and third purposes however were obviously within our purview and it is to these that we have mainly directed our attention.

A consideration of the conditions under which sentence were carried out soon led us to divide the system under four main headings—(a) accommodation, (b) discipline, (c) food, and (d) labour.

Accommodation: It became evident that the average daily population of the Hong Kong Prisons was far in excess of the space provided, the Acting Superintendent of Prisons stated that Victoria Gaol was originally intended to hold 644 prisoners in single cells and Stanley Prison was built to accommodate 1,500. At that moment about 800 of the cells at Stanley were useless as they were without locks, but on the 24th June, the muster was—Victoria 1,228 and Stanley Gaol 1,154. On the 26th October, 1937, the muster at Stanley was 2,599, Victoria Gaol having been closed. Mr. Hopkins was emphatic that proper discipline could not be maintained without confinement in separate cells. He stated that those put in association however were short sentence prisoners, i.e., under two years. The number of convicts, i.e., over two years, out of a total of 2,300 prisoners was 312. It is obvious therefore that unless some method is found to check the flow of short sentence prisoners the present accommodation of the Gaol is and will remain inadequate and to that extent will nullify the disciplinary effects of imprisonment.

Discipline: An examination of the Gaol timetable when compared with the daily routine provided at Changi, Singapore, and what we saw in the Canton Prison, led this Committee to the belief that prisoners in Hong Kong are given a comparatively easy time and it is our fixed opinion that a tightening up of discipline on this side is necessary and would have a salutary effect. Our experience as Visiting Justices has more than once led us to believe that sufficiently stern action has not been taken with main-

gers and malcontents.

Food: On investigating the question of diet, we were at once struck by the extremely high cost of the prison diets. These are tendered for by ration and it appears that the present cost of a first class ration is 42 Cents per diem or about \$13.00 per month per head. This Committee caused careful inquiries to be made amongst local firms employing large numbers of local labourers on hard manual work, amongst Chinese of the better paid clerical class, and amongst Chinese Police Constables Messes which are self run. These investigations pro-

ved beyond doubt that the average cost of a full diet per man varies from \$5.00 to \$7.00 per month, and it is clear therefore that the present cost of rationing prisoners in the Hong Kong Prisons is excessive. Singapore reports that the highest average daily cost of Chinese prisoners' rations is 14.15 Cents (Singapore). We learned with some astonishment that the system of tendering adopted by the Hong Kong Prisons has many years been by ration, and for approximately 20 years has been obtained by a contractor under the sign of Hop Kee. We endeavoured to discover who this contractor was but could only find an office in Connaught Road with one clerk in attendance who professed to know nothing about it. We are of the opinion that this matter should promptly be attended to, that the rations should be contracted for by weight and that the main items by weight be put up to separate tender. In considering the diets we have recourse to the recommendation of the Diet Committee established in 1931. Apparently Prof. L. T. Ride, though then in the Colony, was not a member of this Committee. We therefore submitted the existing diets sheets to him in his capacity as Chairman of the Nutrition Committee and his comments thereon are attached. From these it is clear that the existing scales of diets are generous, if not excessive, and that readjustment could very well be made without damage and still further reduce the cost of maintenance. We would specially draw attention to Dr. Ride's suggestion that the rice should be bought in bulk, unhulled, and that the daily ration should be hilled on the spot by a prison labourer, thereby ensuring (a) better storage of the grain, and (b) less likelihood of loss, of the essential vitamins.

In view of the fact that the Chief Warden stated there was no "hard labour" because no scale of hard labour was laid down by the Governor in Council, we suggest that the existence

of a hard labour scale diet is an anomaly which should be removed and therefore that for prisoners of each race one standard diet only should be used and this should only be varied by order of the Medical Officer. We are informed that Class II diets are given to prisoners, in the case of Europeans after three months, in the case of Indians and Chinese after six months. We are of the opinion that the Class I diet, Light Labour, is amply sufficient for the most exhausting hard labour that can at present be inflicted and no alteration in this respect is required. Labour: We were informed that of 354 prisoners sentenced to hard labour only one could be said to be doing hard labour. The Principal Warden in charge of Industries at Stanley Prison informed us that there was in fact no such thing as hard labour, only industrial labour, and when we came over to inquire into this we discovered that a man doing so-called hard labour in the boot-shop satisfied requirements if he turned out a pair of leather Chinese slippers in 3½ days and that a man actually works for 6½ hours a day only, excluding breaks for exercise and congee. The hardest work is that of making coir mats where the stipulated task is 1 sq. ft. of coir mat per day. It was noticeable that Pr. Warden Bagley avoided as far as possible telling us what were the actual tasks he expected per diem of the prisoners. On inquiry among local boot making contractors we discovered that an ordinary bootmaker working on a contract would be expected to turn out two pairs per man per day, and as it seems improbable that the remainder of the tasks set as labour to the prisoners are any more exacting in nature we considered that this side of prison administration should definitely be tightened up. This should be easy enough in the case of a skilled or semi-skilled workman employed on tasks such as printing, book-binding, boot-making, mat making and the like, but there remain

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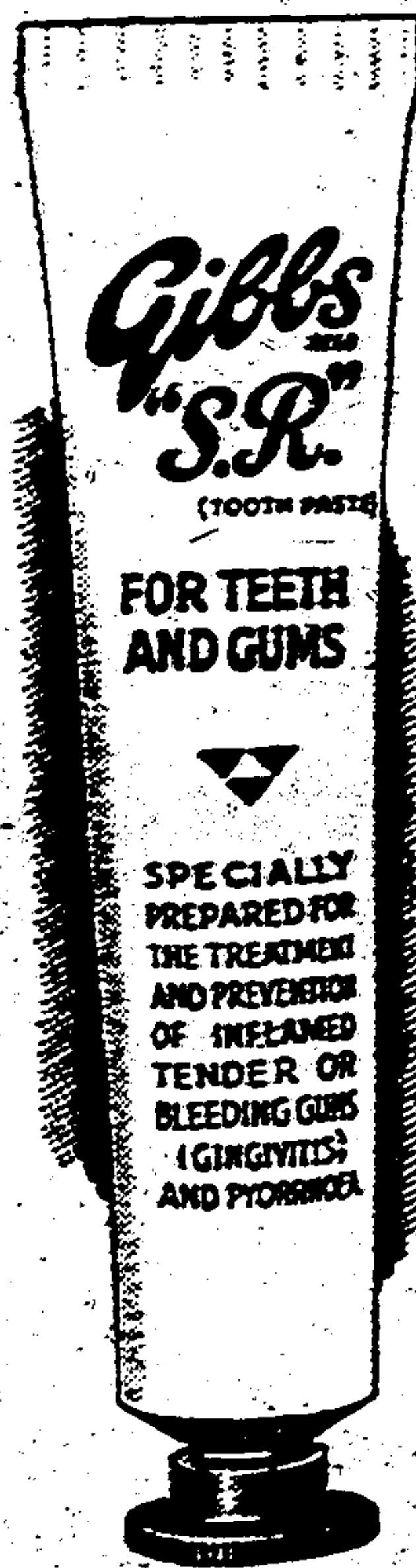
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ANGLO-AMERICAN CO-OPERATION

If Japan had set herself out to throw the United States and Great Britain together in co-operation in the Far East, she could not have done it more effectively than by choosing the same day for unwarrantable attacks on British warships and the sinking of the U.S.S. Panay. Mutual Anglo-American support there would be, without any definite understanding, by the very logic of the circumstances. Events, however, are compelling much more than that, and it may be taken for granted that a very clear understanding now exists between Washington and London on the steps to be taken to secure reparation for the outrages. As pointed out yesterday, the international situation in the Pacific has swung suddenly back to the position that existed in 1931 when only the agreement of one of the parties was needed for joint action to place a curb upon Japan. The difference on this occasion arises, apparently, from the reversal of roles, with the initiative coming from Great Britain, plus the fact that defence of China was the primary interest in 1931 while the elemental issue of self-defence is to-day the paramount pre-occupation. How far the movement will go depends very largely upon the United States, but all visible pointers indicate that her patience, too, is near exhaustion, and that an outward calm does not predicate her willingness to accept any nonsense.

The time is past when excuses can be made. No-one imagines for a moment that there was anything accidental either in the shelling of the Ladybird, the bombing of the Cricket and the Scarab, or the sinking of the Panay. Given an isolated incident and Japan might have deplored to good effect, but to authorise stories alleging that troop-carrying junks clustered round this warship or that, hence the attacks, merely adds insult to injury, and prejudices judgment on the honesty and sincerity of any submission that may be made in mitigation. The best defence

Tokyo could offer is that her military forces were out of control and to that extent were not responsible for their actions. But that defence will not be tendered because it must heighten the virtue of the demand for restraint that is being made, with the claim for reparation.

Unfortunately for Japan, as she fully realises, it is impossible for her on this occasion to evade the onus of responsibility, though what her actions will be still depend very largely upon the mood of the military. It is indicated in Washington that President Roosevelt will only be satisfied if the Emperor Hirohito apologises for the bombing and gives assurances that measures against a repetition of the attack will be taken. That goes above the civil government and above the military, and is fairly described as the strongest demand the United States has made in modern times. The final test of the power of control in Japan is contained within this American demarche, and fully supported as it must be by Great Britain, the Powers may be said to have replied to the latest wanton attacks in the only possible way, striking a decisive blow at one and the same time for the prestige of their flags and for respect for international order generally. It has not come out of turn.

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Free Speech in India

The news that the Congress Government in Bombay has decided to remove the last of the restrictive orders on individuals and organisations in the province is not unexpected. In some ways the "repressive legislation" passed by previous Governments has made Indians more acutely aware of their position as a governed race than any other acts of the British Raj. The campaign for civil liberties has been waged with remarkable energy. Naturally Congress pledged itself to alter the existing policy and, if in power, to allow as much freedom of thought as there is in other democratic Governments. Some reforms, such as the book censorship at the Customs, it has not been able to touch, but it was in most cases among the Ministries' first acts to remove restrictions on the press and on organisations. The organisations which remained illegal naturally complained and used the most terrible of all taunts against the Congress Governments, saying that they were no better than the British. Some of these organisations are extreme Socialist or Communist, and have fallen under the prohibition passed on the Communist party in India three years ago. But, as the Meerut trial showed, the British Indian authorities have often had as catholic an idea of what is meant by a Communist as some European statesmen, and there will be little disputing that the Bombay Government has done the sensible thing in allowing all views a hearing. Some of the Congress supporters might live up to this ideal by showing more courtesy to members of Opposition parties. There is, naturally enough in an enthusiastic national movement, a section which cannot believe wisdom can ever come out of the mouths of opponents. Their numbers are small, but they do Congress harm. A successful policy of free speech depends on tolerance.

SENSATIONAL PANAY OUTRAGE DISCLOSURE

Machine-Gunned By Launches After Bombing

ANOTHER REPORT ALLEGES NANKING ATTACK ON SURVIVORS

FRESH TALK OF NAVAL DEMONSTRATION

The U.S.S. Panay was hit by a bomb which was dropped from a great height at 1.50 on Sunday afternoon, and was abandoned at 2.05 p.m., but before sinking, the gunboat was machine-gunned by two Japanese naval landing motor boats who then boarded her and left before the sinking.

This sensational account of the tragedy is contained in the first eye-witness story received by radio in Shanghai.

Another account says that survivors of the Panay were shot at by Japanese airmen with machine-guns after they had struggled ashore.

When she went down, the Panay was flying her colours, which were clearly visible throughout the incident.

H.M.S. Bee has completed rescue operations, with the exception of two coffins which are being put on board the gunboat this morning.

As far as can be ascertained, all those on board the sunk vessels are now accounted for.

Captain Carlson, skipper of the Standard Oil Mei An, who was among the dead, was killed on the bridge.

STRETCHER CASES

Eleven stretcher cases are:

- Emil Cassie, American Embassy code clerk.
- Lt. Com. Hughes, commander of the Panay.
- Lt. A. F. Anders, executive officer of the Panay, and the following, who are believed to be members of the gunboat's crew:
- A. Kozak, E. W. G. Hulfebus, P. D. Zeigler, C. S. Schroeder, N. L. Davies, K. J. Rice, J. H. Laing and Charles Birk.

NAVAL DEMONSTRATION

This report of the callous way in which the Japanese forces acted has again revived talk of a joint Anglo-American naval demonstration off the China coast.

According to latest reports from London, received in Hong Kong this morning, this step is confidently expected in some quarters, which state that it would be the first demonstration of a common Anglo-American front of determination to protect their interests in China.

Mr. Anthony Eden is reported to have again talked with Washington over the trans-Atlantic phone yesterday.

In this talk, which lasted over half an hour, the possibility of a joint naval demonstration was discussed.

WARNINGS TO JAPAN

The London press takes an unusually strong stand. The "Daily Mail" warns Japan to avoid any delay in settlement in her own interest and to institute the necessary steps without delay. Since Britain is determined to obtain satisfaction under all circumstances.

EITHER OR BOTH!

The "Daily Express" says: "The Japanese Government apologises while the Japanese army drops bombs."

"Other governments therefore ask themselves with whom they should deal, with the government in Tokyo or with the military authorities."

"Britain and the United States might settle with each separately or with both at the same time." Officials in Washington make no attempt to hide the fact that the present crisis is the most serious in American-Japanese relations in the last fifty years.

LAUGHABLE

It is emphasised that American lives were lost, that the incident occurred in broad daylight, that the Japanese explanation of "mistaken identity" is laughable.

In spite of the flood of Japanese expressions of regret, Washington officials declare that an apology alone will not be regarded as sufficient satisfaction by the United States Government.—Reuter and Trans-Ocean.

MORE APOLOGIES

A message from H. M. S. Bee to the local Naval authorities states that three more survivors of the Panay bombing have turned up at the Wuhu Hospital.

They are Messrs. Hodge, who was uninjured, Vines, who received an injury to his left arm and Marshall, who is at present under medical examination.

It further stated that H.M.S. Ladybird, which sustained four direct hits from Japanese shell fire, is proceeding to Shanghai immediately to undergo repairs.

A staff officer of Admiral Hasegawa, Lt. Comdr. Okumura, arrived at the scene of the bombing yesterday and boarded H.M.S. Bee where he tendered formal apologies to the British Commander for the Wuhu bombing and also expressed Admiral Hasegawa's thanks for rendering all available assistance to the survivors of the Panay and oil tanker bombings.

MR. C.M. MACDONALD SAFE

Shanghai, To-day.

As far as can be ascertained, all the Panay victims have now been accounted for.

This includes Mr. C. M. Macdonald, former "China Mail" editor and now correspondent for the London "Times."

It is learned that Mr. Macdonald got away with the first party.—Reuter.

YANGTSE SHIPS TO LEAVE

Wuhu, To-day.

It is hoped to move all merchant shipping from the scene of naval activity now that the Japanese boom has been removed, and it is quite possible that these ships will receive a Japanese escort.—Our Own Correspondent.

NANKING SITUATION OBSCURE

Shanghai, To-day.

The situation in Nanking still appears somewhat obscure, since it would seem that Japanese occupation is still not complete and that there are still Chinese soldiers under arms in the capital.

No reliable news is yet available regarding the fate of the foreign news correspondents who bravely remained in Nanking to get a first hand story of the fighting.

A Japanese spokesman in Shanghai, questioned yesterday, refused either to confirm or deny rumours of heavy loss of life in the "safety zone" of Nanking.—Trans-Ocean.

TOKYO PROCESSION

Tokyo, To-day.

Tokyo, went mad yesterday in celebration of the fall of Nanking. A great flag procession, in which some 800,000 participated, was held, the demonstrators marching to the Imperial Palace, where enthusiastic scenes took place.—Trans-Ocean.

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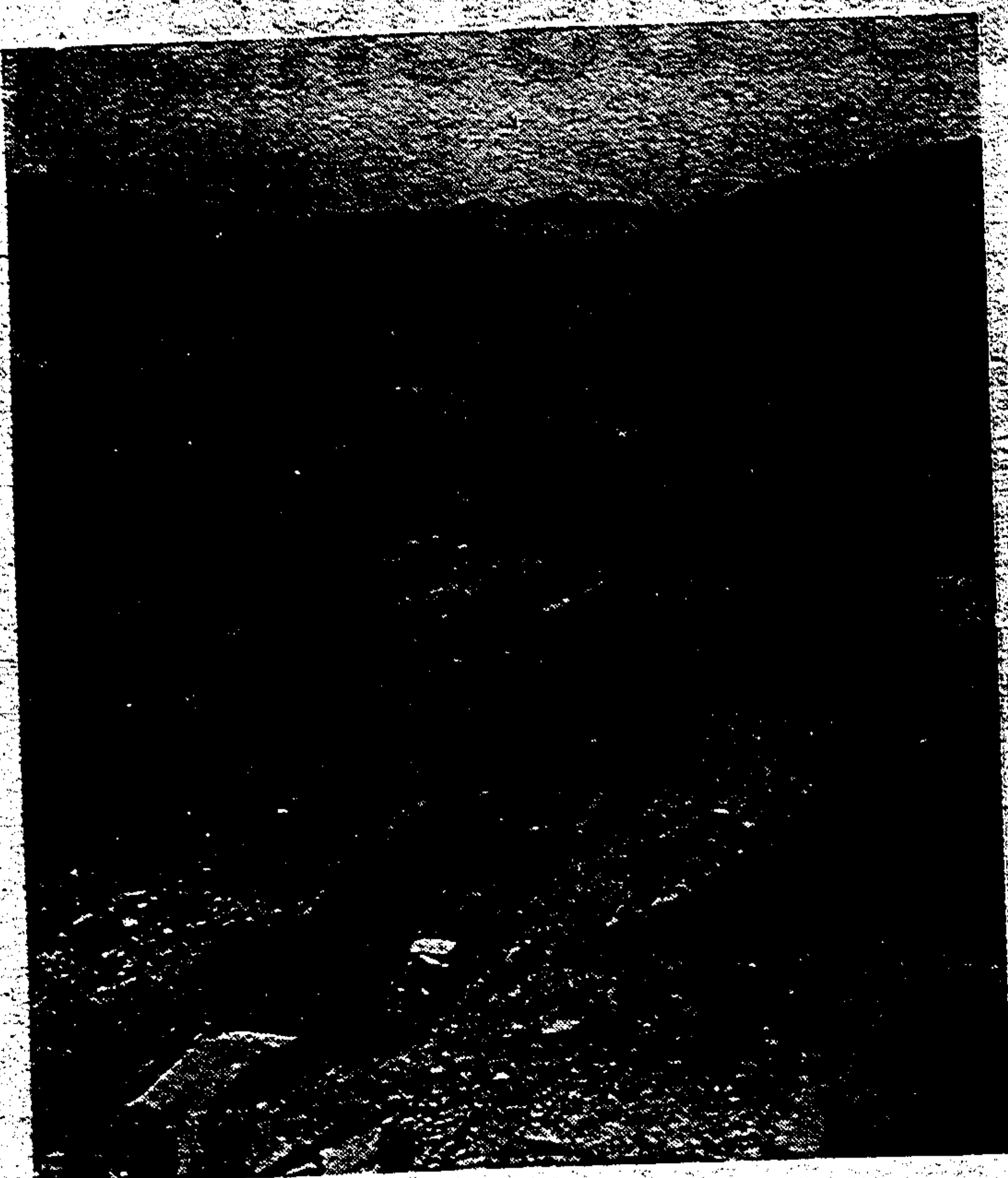
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CHINA AND LEAGUE OF NATIONS



Skirmishes with rebel tribesmen are frequent on the North-West frontier of India where the mountainous country affords ample protection to sniping tribesmen hidden away in the rocks. Photo shows—A mule company, Army Transport, on the march below Idak (Kajumi Post) near Waziristan showing how vulnerable they are to attack (Fox Copyright).

Nothing Left But A Skeleton

Shanghai, To-day.

That China should follow Italy's step and withdraw from the League, because of Geneva's failure to take any action in the Sino-Japanese conflict, is being advocated here by an increasing number of persons prominent in public and press circles.

The "Sin Wen Pao," one of the leading vernacular periodicals, declares in an outspoken article that the League Palace of Peace has crumbled.

Geneva no longer is a magnet attracting all peoples, since only the skeleton of the original League remains.

Tragedy of the League, says the paper, is that any member violating the Covenant, can always withdraw. The League is then forced to play a humiliating role in urging them to remain.

Declaring that China has been a member of the League for seventeen years, the paper asks: "Has China been able to utilise the League for protection of her interests?"

China still belongs to the League, but have the members of the League recognised this loyalty in any way?

In consideration of such facts, China must at this hour reconsider her position with regard to the League, and should she conclude that she derives no benefit from her membership, no valid reason why she should continue as a member of that body, remains.—Trans-Ocean.

SOCIETY OF FRIENDS OF JAPAN FORMED IN ITALY

Rome, To-day.

The "Society" of Friends of Japan was formed here yesterday to "further mutual understanding between Italy and Japan with a view to extension of commercial and cultural relations."

Baron Okura, Japan's special envoy in Italy and President of the Italo-Japanese Institution in Tokyo gave a banquet after returning from a tour of Italy, at which several Italian Cabinet members were present.—Trans-Ocean.



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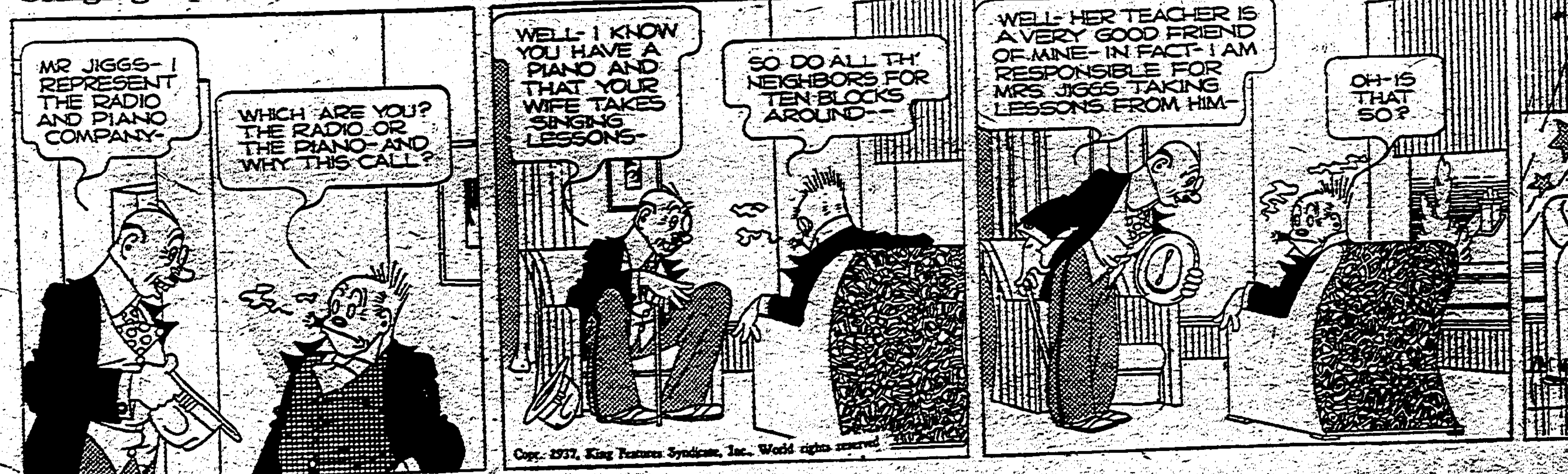
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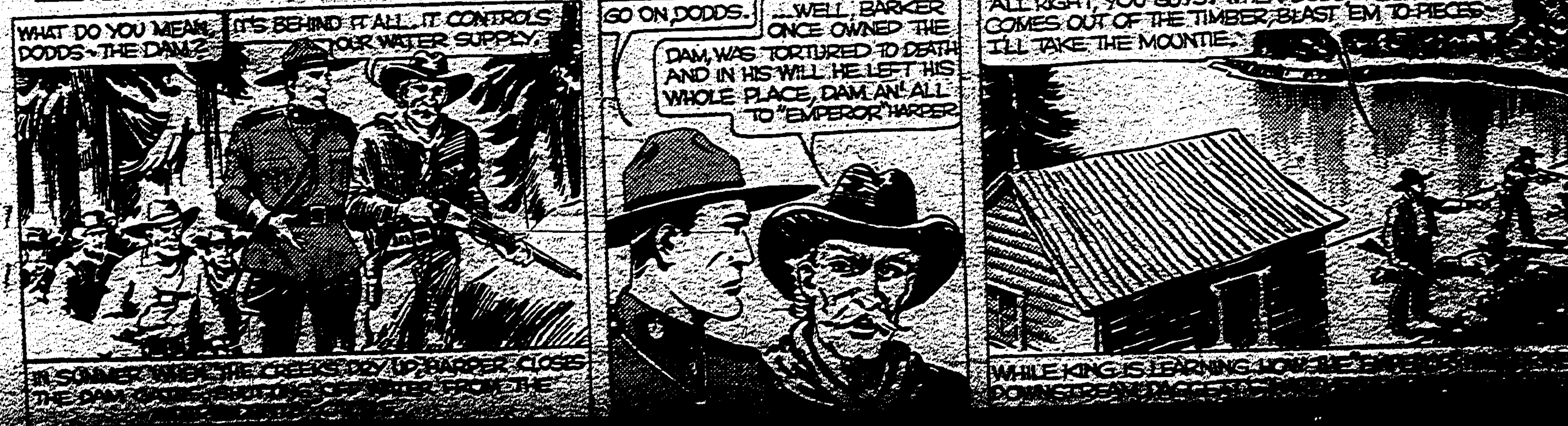
At right.

An exhibition of modern Chinese art is being held in Constable's house in Charlotte Street, W., to raise money for relief work in China. The exhibits, which were brought from China by Mr. Jack Chen, have already been shown in Russia. Photo shows—Mr. Chen, who is exhibiting himself at the show, explaining one of the pictures to some visitors at Charlotte House. (Fox Copyright).

Bringing Up Father



KING OF THE ROYAL MOUNTED





Klai, Burmese giraffe-necked beauty, is going home to buy a husband. 18 months ago she came with some friends from the Shan States between Tibet and Upper Burma to appear with Ber-Circus. Now she has saved enough money to go home 11,000 miles to buy herself a husband in of her country. Just now she is being sculptured by Miss Haze' Armour, and having a test which will be made before her departure. Photo shows—Miss Wu Klai (centre) and her coming made up for their film test in London. (Fox Copyright).



By George McManus

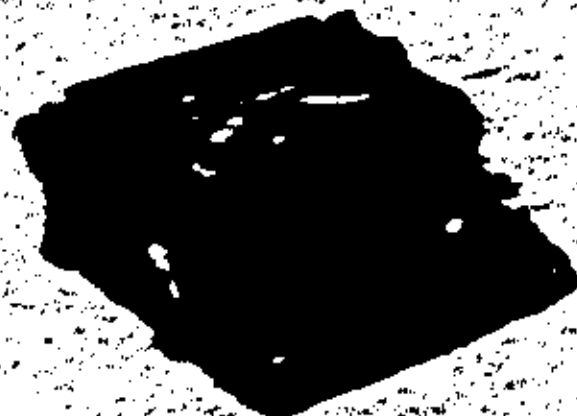


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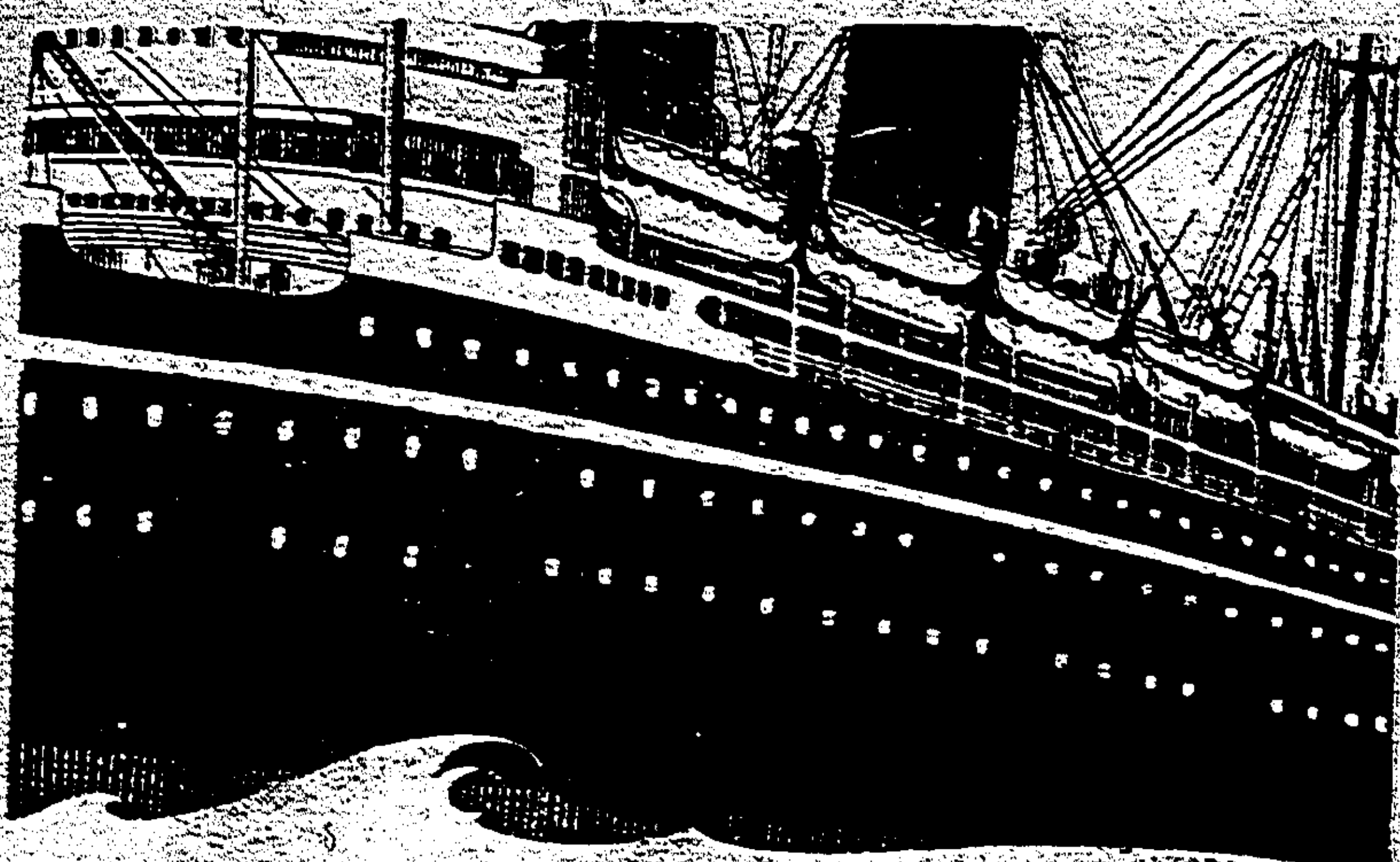


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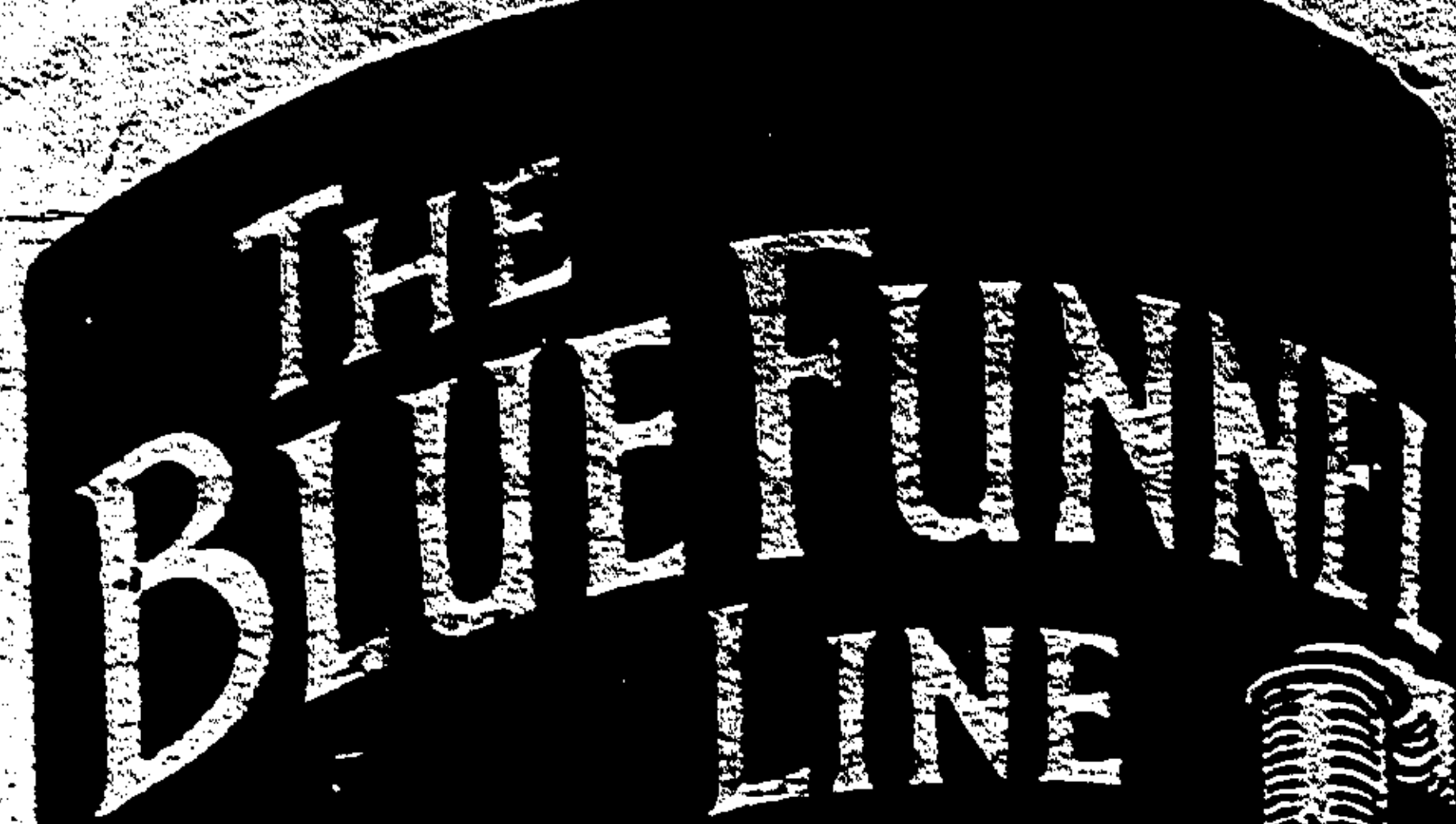
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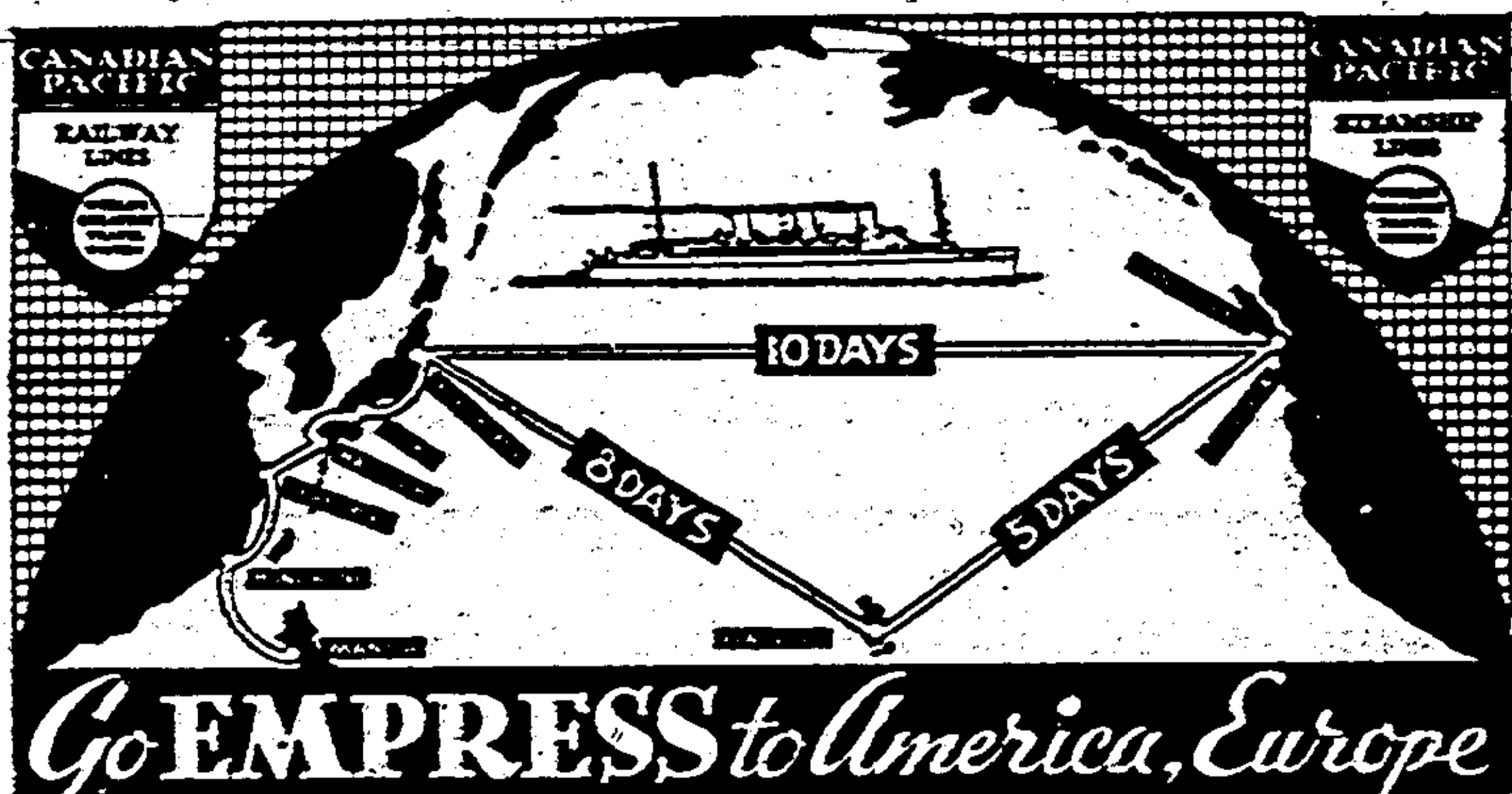
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LOCAL SHARE MARKET

Following is the list of changes and enquiries in local share quotations this morning:—

BANKS
Hong Kong Bank \$1500/1050 sa.
Hong Kong (Lon. Reg.) #91 b.
INSURANCES
Canton Ins. \$272½ b.
Union Ins. \$516 sa.
SHIPPING
Douglases \$48¼ b.
H. K. Steamboats \$8 b.
DOCKS, WHARVES, GODOWNS, ETC.
H. K. and W. Docks \$28¼ sa.
Providents (Old) \$2 b.
PUBLIC UTILITIES
China Lights (Old) C. R. \$11 b., \$11-15 sa.
China Lights (New) C. R. \$10.80 b.
H. K. Electrics \$52½ b., \$53 sa.
Sandakan Lights \$14¼ b.

MISCELLANEOUS
China Lights Rights \$5 b.

LOCAL DOLLAR

The demand rate on the Hong Kong dollar this morning was 1/2%.

"Spot" silver was quoted at 18-11/16 and "forward" at 18-5/16.

The London on New York cross-rate was quoted at \$—U.S.\$4.9972 and the New York on London rate at \$—U.S.\$4.9934.

NEW ADVERTISEMENTS

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THIRD INTERIM DIVIDEND

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a THIRD INTERIM DIVIDEND for the year ending the 28th February, 1938, of two per cent., that is \$2.00 per share, will be paid on all shares in this Company on Wednesday the 22nd December, 1937, at the Company's Office at China Building, 5th floor.

The TRANSFER BOOK of the Company will be CLOSED from the 18th to the 22nd December, 1937, both days inclusive.

By Order of the
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Hong Kong, 14th Dec., 1937.

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LOST — Passport No. 42 of Bureau of Public Safety Amoy, issued to Mrs. Elizabeth Kozikis. Finder please communicate with Capt. D. G. Kozikis, c/o Messrs. Dimson & Co., Prince's Building.

PUBLIC AUCTIONS

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TO-NIGHT'S CHARITY BALL

FINE SUPPORT FOR FUNCTION

The Charity Ball to be held this evening in the Hong Kong Hotel Roof Garden in aid of the International Medical Relief Society of Hong Kong is already an assured success. An "anonymous sympathiser" has promised to meet the bill for the dinner, and the Hong Kong Hotel is supplying everything at cost. Another well-wisher has paid \$1,000 for his \$10 ticket. All the tickets have been sold.

In the course of the evening a few short speeches will be delivered and dancing will be interspersed with cabaret items, contributed both by amateurs and professionals.

The Ball is under the patronage of H.E. the Governor and Lady Northcote, and the President of the Ball is His Honour Sir Atholl MacGregor. The Hon. Dr. R. H. Kotewall is the Vice-President.

The International Medical Relief Society was formed some months ago to focus the sympathies of the local British and foreign community with Chinese sufferers in the present hostilities. Already the Society has despatched great quantities of medical supplies and medical comforts; also clothing for the distressed. The Executive Committee is composed of a number of well-known people from different sections of the community.

The Society is at present concentrating on the maintenance of a Red Cross unit which will cost \$1,200 a month, and the Ball has been arranged to raise funds for this purpose.

HONG KONG PRISON REFORM

(Continued from Page 9)

a number of prisoners who are at present, to all intents and purposes, unemployable, i.e., short sentence prisoners, skilled in no trade and unwilling to learn. These comprise what is known as No. 16 Party, which of course varies from day to day in numbers. For these and others who refuse to fulfil their allotted tasks we suggest that real hard labour be provided in the form of stone-breaking and/or the sawing and splitting of logs for firewood. A further suggestion has been made to us, that prison labour might very profitably be employed on the growing of Chinese vegetables to be used in the prisoners' diets.

This discussion of the conditions under which sentences are carried out does not however do much to avert the principal problem, i.e., the flow of short sentence prisoners to the Gaol. It is a fact that in July the total population of the Gaol was some 2,600 and the number of hawkers in Gaol at that time was 1,400. The Chairman of the Urban Council, Hon. Inspector General of Police and his Officers, were quite clear on the point that they did not regard hawkers as criminals but as nuisances and merely wished to keep them off the streets. It is also a fact acknowledged by all those who have anything to do with this problem that economic and other conditions in China provide a continual source of supply for these nuisances, but it is our opinion that the present method of dealing with them is cumbersome, inadequate and inefficient. They are not criminals and therefore should not be treated as such. They are nuisances and therefore should be kept off the streets. It is our considered opinion that special provision should be made for them by something of the type of an "Internment Camp" with the proviso that they should be made to earn their food by performing a stipulated amount of work. Incidentally a final corollary to this suggestion would be that hawking cases would not appear in Police case books which in spite of the arguments of the Hon. Inspector General of Police we feel may have something to do with the abnormal excess of petty prosecutions. We would further suggest that beggars and such like might well be included in such a system.

HUGE VOLUME OF BRITISH IMPORTS

London, To-day.
Arrangements were completed yesterday for a \$570,000 Sierra Leone 3½% Loan at 101, redeemable 1958 to 1963. It is understood that the existing four per cent. inscribed stock holders are offered part conversion into this stock.—British Wireless.

SIERRA LEONE LOAN

London, To-day.
For the first eleven months of the year, the United Kingdom imports totalled £935,412,236, an increase of £169,539,952 over the corresponding period of last year and of £251,856,353 over the same period of 1935.

Exports at \$477,979,846 represented an increase of \$77,726,061 over last year and of \$36,942,365 over 1935.

These figures are given in the Board of Trade monthly overseas trade returns, which show that last month imports were valued at \$97,251,216 compared with \$96,085,427 in October and \$78,679,845 in November last year.—British Wireless.

'ONCOMING SLUMP' NOT COMING

London, To-day.
The Prime Minister, replying in the Commons, to a request for a statement of the Government's policy to meet the unemployment problems that threaten the country in view of the oncoming slump said: "I do not accept the implication in the question. I consider any talk of the oncoming slump not only exaggerated but dangerous. This country is in a far better position to meet any temporary decline in trade than at any time since the war."—British Wireless.

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TREASURY FIGURES

London, To-day.
Treasury returns show total ordinary revenue to date at \$446,970,746 as compared with \$424,148,493 at the corresponding date of last year.
Total ordinary expenditure to date is \$606,440,405 against \$559,971,206 at the corresponding date of 1936.
The total floating debt outstanding is \$974,120,000 as compared with \$850,035,000 a year ago. The net increase since March 31 is \$275,990,000.—British Wireless.

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FYNN'S CONSISTENCY WITH THE BAT

THRILLING CRICKET WITH KEEN FINISHES MARKS WEEK-END

(By "ADREM")

SATURDAY'S cricket programme provided as varied and as spectacular a series of incidents as any cricketer could hope for.

THERE WAS A REALLY EXCELLENT BOWLING FEAT, COUPLED WITH A SCORE WHICH, IF NOT THE LOWEST, MUST HAVE BEEN ALMOST THE LOWEST SCORE IN LOCAL LEAGUE CRICKET HISTORY, A HARD-HIT CENTURY AND THE UPSET OF A CHAMPIONSHIP TEAM BY A SIDE WHICH, TO DATE, HAS HAD A PARTICULARLY LEAN SEASON.

E. A. R. Alves and Recreio juniors provided the biggest sensation of the week. When a side bats first and can only manage a score of 84, it is usually conceded to be all over bar the shouting. And that, actually, was the feeling of many of the Recreio team when they went out on the field.

It is now evident that Messrs. L. G. Gosano and E. A. R. Alves had different ideas. The former has met with a certain amount of success this season, but Alves, although he has bowled steadily on many occasions, has never appeared to be able to take wickets. He made up for previous disappointments during this match by returning an analysis which any bowler might justifiably look back on throughout his career with considerable satisfaction,—6 wickets for 2 runs!

Civil Service batsmen told me he was quite unplayable. He bowled a medium-paced ball, either on the leg stump or just outside, swung away to the off and usually took the leg or middle stumps. Four of his victims were clean-bowled and twice he took wickets with successive balls.

One of the keenest cricketers in the Colony, his success should give him that added confidence which should result in him becoming one of the most valuable members of the Club.

BATTED WELL TOO!

He also contributed his bit in the batting line, and made a very valuable 11 runs at number eleven! A. V. Gosano played a useful innings of 17 which included four boundaries, while L. G. Gosano held the fort during which period six Recreio bats came and went.

Ismail Ali, whom I erroneously described as a schoolboy last week—he has just left school—was also well to the fore, playing for the I.R.C. against K.C.C., the current champions. He took 6 for 39, to dismiss K.C.C. for 104 and then batted to such good effect that at the close he was undefeated with 55 to his credit, to give his side victory by the large margin of seven wickets. Razack made 53.

UNIMPRESSIVE

I saw quite a good deal of the K.C.C. innings and must confess that for a championship side they were distinctly unimpressive. Ali appeared to me to be bowling leg-breaks and was flattered unduly. Times without number, half-volleys, just screaming to be hit, were pat-



ted back, while balls at which, defensive strokes should have been played, were hit at with disastrous results.

McKenzie batted really well for his 23 runs. He started off very slowly and refused to take chances. Once he had got a sight of the ball, however, he played some very nice strokes, two in particular, a square-cut and a straight-drive, being classic. He has improved considerably. Hall also played some beautiful square-cuts which would have done credit to any batsman in the Colony.

A PERFECT FINISH

A finish, cricket enthusiasts dream of, marked the Police-H.K. C.C. match on the Club ground. Well behind as regards runs, Club, with two wickets intact and only two balls to go, appeared to have the situation well in hand. Carey, of the Police, had different ideas! Divett was caught by Shepherd. Stoker was clean bowled, and that was that!

Divett bowled very steadily for the Club, while Pope and Baker took their usual quota of wickets for the Police.

Army "A" and Craigengower, both prominent contenders for the title, provided yet another thrilling finish and at stumps, Craigengower were only nine runs in arrears with two wickets in hand. Anything might have happened had there been sufficient time.

SPORTING DECLARATION

Army "A" batted first and with Ingram, Northcote and Eaton making runs, were able to declare with their total at 138 for 3 a very sporting declaration under the circumstances—C.C.C. have the reputation of being the most powerful batting side in the Division.

Craigengower started off badly and had Hung, playing in his first match for some time, not stayed in, a collapse would probably have re-



Willy Reed, above, completely held up the Army attack in the centre during yesterday's Triangular Tournament game on the Soekunpoo ground. He was in wonderful form. ("Mail" photo).

sulted. G. A. Lee and Iranee also made useful contributions and with the help of 25 from extras, they managed to get within striking distance.

Hatfield bowled in typical style to take 3 for 18, while Bloomfield, going on late captured 3 for 11.

CONSISTENT FYNN

As expected, Navy had little difficulty against Army "B" and won by 6 wickets. Painter, Smith, Patterson and Coombes were the only batsmen to stand up to the bowling of Wood and Byng and 117 runs were realised. With Fynn scoring at will, Navy secured these for the loss of only four wickets.

Fynn has been extraordinarily consistent this season and scored 70 not out. His figures for League matches are really remarkably and are worthy of reproduction:—

v Army "A"	62
v C.S.C.C.	77
v I.R.C.	24
v Army "B"	70 not out.

This gives him an average of 77.67 for an aggregate of 233!

FRIENDLIES

The outstanding feature of friendly matches was a brilliant century by L. D. Kilbee, which enabled a weak Club side to beat the powerful I.R.C.

Kilbee was in great form and found the boundary on no fewer than 21 occasions to score his runs out of 147.

I.R.C. had first lease of the wicket and totalled 145 to which, S. A. Ismail, A. R. Abbas and A. Bakar were the principal contributors. Swain, usually of the Club second team, securing 5 for 41 in 18.1 overs, Club managed these for the loss of 5 wickets. Apart from Kil-

REVISED DRAW FOR F.A. CUP 3RD ROUND

Chelsea To Meet
Everton

London, Yesterday.

The following is the amended draw for the Third Round of the F.A. Cup Competition, which includes all First and Second Division League Clubs, and which will be played on January 8, 1938:—

Grimsby	v Swindon
Doncaster	v Sheffield United
Crystal Palace	v Liverpool
Brentford	v Fulham
Chelsea	v Everton
Derby	v Stoke
Bury	v South Liverpool
	or Brighton
Aldershot	v Notts County
Arsenal	v Bolton
Sunderland	v Watford
Swansea	v Wolves
Southend	v Barnsley
Millwall	v Manchester C.
Tottenham	v Blackburn
Tranmere	v Portsmouth
Bradford C.	v Chesterfield
Notts P.	v Southampton
Clapton O.	v
or York	v Coventry
West Brom	v Newcastle
Manchester U.	v Yeovil & Petters
Leeds	v Chester
Charlton	v Cardiff
	or Bristol C.
Mansfield or	v
Lincoln	v Leicester
Bradford	v Newport
Huddersfield	v Hull
Middlesbro	v Stockport
Sheffield Wed.	v Burnley
Birmingham	v Blackpool
Crewe or	v
N. Brighton	v Plymouth
Norwich	v Aston Villa
Preston N.E.	v West Ham
Scarborough	v Luton

—Renter.

bee's century, the next highest scorer was A. T. Lay, with 11.

RECREIO SENIORS FINE WIN

Recreio seniors did very well to beat Craigengower seniors by two wickets in a low-scoring game. With only two wickets in hand, Recreio were still 9 runs in arrears and in view of the fact that there were two stop-gaps from the seconds, prospects of a Craigengower win were bright. Rodrigues, who went in late, however, took his courage in both hands and scored three boundaries and then Francis Zimmermann polished off the next two batsmen in quick time without another run being scored.

I am very pleased that E. L. Gosano has at last managed to get going—he took 2 for 6 and scored 39 runs.

In the only other friendly, Civil Service seniors had an afternoon out against the Sappers and won by 8 wickets. Baker bowled very well and Colledge, Perry and McLellan made runs. Perry has just returned from leave and has evidently not taken much time in getting into practice.

SUNDAY'S GAME

Two very friendly games were played on Sunday. The Volunteers were beaten by the Navy, who seem quite unbeatable in whole-day Sunday games. Whitmarsh, as usual got runs, and Kyrke made a great impression with his bowling. I am told he is yards faster than Frank Pereira at his best, and sent Teddy Fincher's stumps flying with the first ball of the match.

Craigengower administered a severe thrashing on the University Alumni Association in a "family" party. Tinker Lee in one of his rare appearances, made 40 for the Alumni, while A. R. H. Esmail, T. E. Yeoh and F. K. Lee did well for the opposition.

CLUB HOCKEY TRIUMPH OVER ARMY

HALVES PLAY MAGNIFICENTLY IN THE SECOND HALF *Triangular Tournament Encounter*

CIVILIAN FORWARDS BRILLIANT
(By "STICKS")

LEADING at the interval by the odd goal in three, the Club triumphed over the Army in their Triangular Tournament hockey encounter yesterday, on the Sookunpoo ground, by 3 goals to 1, brilliant defensive tactics by their halves and backs, combined with a fine attacking formation paving the way to victory.

I HAVE NEVER SEEN THE CLUB RISE TO THE OCCASION AS YESTERDAY. THEY WERE SUPERB IN BOTH DEPARTMENTS, AND GREAT CREDIT MUST GO TO W. A. REED, R. A. BATES AND FLT. LT. WALLACE FOR THEIR WONDERFUL DISPLAYS IN THE SECOND-HALF, WHEN THE ARMY FORWARDS THRUST TIME AND AGAIN IN THE HOPE OF LEVELLING THE SCORES.

Divett made an admirable leader of the Club attack and received the fullest support from his remaining forwards, Fowler and Bond again shining on the right and left-wings, while Whitley and Bickford, in the inside-right and left berths, badly rattled the Army defence with their short passing and fine distribution to the wings.

The Army's weakest point was, Pritam Nath, brilliant at times, in their intermediate line where might have saved the Army from all three halves worked hard, but defeat had he been better support- more often than not tread on ed by Gopal Ram, on the few occa- each other's corns. Ritchie, at sions he made an attempt to break right-half, commenced promis- through the Club defence, and once, ingly, but soon found the pace a when he brilliantly dribbled his way little too fast for his years, while through, his pass to his inside-left Stapleton, in the centre, had the went abegging. mortification of seeing the major- ity of his passes stopped by Willy Reed's superb stickwork. Austen, at left-half, unaccount- ably experienced one of his very rare off-day and the unfortunate part of it was that he chose the wrong day for it!

A WONDER

Stickling and Swanson were a pair of hard-working full-backs, but found the opposition forwards too clever and were outpositioned time and again, and it was a wonder that the score was not doubled in the opening minutes of the second half.

Outstanding in the Army defence was Pte. Wilson, their goalkeeper, but for whom the score might well have been trebled. Accurate kicking and sound anticipation frustrated many a Club forward, while his advances were always well timed to a nicety.

LACKED COHESION

The Army attack lacked cohesion. It did not play as a body in spite of the fact that four of them were from the Rajputana Rifles. Shah Wali improved on his form of last Sunday, but not by much. He was often out of position for a pass from Saval Khan and when he did race away for a centre, there was no one in position to convert it. Saval Khan worked very hard at inside-right, but found the attentions of Potter and Reed a little too much. Potter rarely gave him an opportunity to break through on a solo effort and clung to his heels like a terrier.

NERAIN SINGH MISSED

Gopal Ram may be good enough for the Rajputana Rifles' regimental team, but I fear that he will never fit in with a representative Army side. There was no doubt that Partab Singh missed the services of his usual inside-colleague, Nerain Singh, and was forced to play a lone hand.

The game had not been many minutes old when a fine pass by Bickford saw Divett dribble his way round Stibling and score the opening goal of the match from just inside the circle. The Club pressed right away from the bully-off, but a breakaway on the left-wing by Partab and a quick centre saw Pritam Nath equalise when Benwell only partially cleared the former's effort.

SHORT CORNER GOAL

The Club, however, dominated the later exchanges and a series of brilliant attacking movements in which short passing was the order of the day, featured play and it was not until about five minutes from the interval that the Club again secured the lead, this time from a short corner.

Bond took the hit, the ball was stopped dead by Bickford, and as the Army forwards and backs surged forward, Divett netted his second goal with a rasping drive, which passed between Wilson's right-foot and the right-unright.

BATES IN LIMELIGHT

The second half saw the Army pressing for the majority of the period, but magnificent defensive



G. E. R. Divett, above, captain of the Hong Kong Hockey Club, was in magnificent form yesterday against the Army in the Triangular Tournament. ("Mail" photo).

work by Bates, at right-half, where he completely held the Gopal Ram-Partab Singh combination, and in the centre, where Reed was invincible against Pritam Nath, eventually saw the Army attack break down and a quick breakaway on

TO-NIGHT'S BADMINTON PROGRAMME

This evening two matches will be decided in the "B" Division of the Men's Doubles Badminton League.

The following is the programme:
Free Lances v Recreio
Chinese R.C. v St. John's

ARMY LEAGUE SOCCER FINAL TO-MORROW

The final of the Army Football League will be decided to-morrow at the Sookunpoo ground, commencing at 3 p.m., between "A" Company, Middlesex Regiment, and "A" Company, Seaforth Highlanders. At the conclusion of the game the prizes will be distributed.

the left saw a fine pass by Bickford reach Fowler after Swanson and Austen had both missed the ball the Club right-winger cutting in to place the issue beyond doubt a few minutes from time.

The game was witnessed by His Excellency the General Officer Commanding the Troops, Major-General A. W. Bartholomew, who was attended by His A.D.C., Lieut. P. J. Howorth, R.A., and Lieut. J. A. M. Rice-Evans, H. K. Area Sports Board Secretary.

Club:—V. M. Benwell; Flt. Lt. Wallace and E. V. Reed; R. A. Bates, W. A. Reed and J. E. Potter; S. A. Fowler, T. Whitley; G. E. R. Divett, B. I. Bickford and V. Bond.

Army:—Pte. Wilson (Seaforths); Pte. Stickling (Middlesex) and Spr. Swanson (R.E.); Capt. Ritchie (Seaforths), Capt. Stapleton (Kumaons) and Sig. Austen (Signals); Shah Wali (Rajputs), Lieut. Saval Khan (Rajputs), Lieut. Pritam Nath (Rajputs), Gopal Ram (Rajputs) and Partab Singh (Kumaons).

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TENNIS CHAMPION'S FAMOUS MATCHES

WHEN MR. SHAW WENT TO WIMBLEDON

(By A. WALLIS-MYERS)

London, November 11.

HEROINE of many lawn tennis matches on both sides of the Atlantic, Mrs. Helen Wills Moody has let the public share her thoughts in a book, "Fifteen-Thirty" (Scribner's, 10s 6d), published to-day. Its name bridges her career on the courts. She won her first title, the Pacific Coast junior championship, when she was 15; at 30 she claimed the championship at Wimbledon for the seventh time.

THE CHAMPION WAS FIRST DUBBED "LITTLE MISS POKER FACE" BY AMERICAN JOURNALIST, THEN "OUR HELEN", AND FINALLY "QUEEN HELEN". NONE OF THESE SOBRIQUETS REALLY FITTED HER.

She may have appeared devoid of emotion on court — this impression of cool detachment was undoubtedly of psychological value where her opponents were concerned — but she was really, as her book reveals, as simple as a child, and devoid of a poker player's guile.

"In a hard match," she says, "I did not think whether I was smiling or not, or whether my feelings were written on my face." She even suggests that tennis fans became tired of seeing somebody win continuously who had "no expression."

The truth was that Mrs. Moody was singularly oblivious to the outer world when on court. Otherwise she would not have asked a friend whether she had really won after her memorable victory at Wimbledon in 1935, or — a strange delusion — thought that Miss Mary Heeley, one of her Wimbledon opponents, was a left-handed player.

HER BEST PARTNER

Impressions of her famous matches are largely conveyed by newspaper quotations, but she makes some interesting comparisons about her contemporaries. Next to Mlle. Lenglen, who "though popularly thought to be temperamental, had an astonishing amount of control and determination," she considers Miss McKane — now Mrs. Godfree — "the best player I have ever met."

Her best mixed doubles partner was J. B. Hawkes, the Australian,



with whom she won the American doubles championship. "His court position was unfailing, his overhead a sure win, and his service so extraordinary that the woman opponent hardly ever returned it."

REFUSED RESPONSIBILITY

The United States Association asked Mrs. Moody to be captain of the American women's team visiting Berlin. She accepted, but "refused responsibility of any directing whatsoever." She told members of the team they could do exactly as they pleased.

They lost their matches, and the only remark the captain made in the dressing room afterwards was to suggest they had played "awfully sleepy tennis."

"It must have been the beer we had for lunch," was the reply. "No wonder!" Mrs. Moody reflects. "Beer is absolutely fatal to tennis. We all laughed. Fortunately the U.S. L.T.A. was far away."

A GIFT FROM G.B.S.

The author met Mr. Bernard



A charming study of the former "Queen of the Courts," Mrs. Helen Wills-Moody, with her favourite Sealyham-dog.

Shaw at Cliveden, Lady Astor's Buckinghamshire house. During an after-dinner conversation Mr. Shaw suggested that lawn tennis should only be played in the long grass in meadows. Mrs. Moody's comment was to keep a fixed countenance. She was surprised a few days later to receive a copy of "Saint Joan" with a note — "You may remember stealing my heart at Cliveden."

A year later she sent Mr. Shaw a packet of Wimbledon tickets. Writing to thank her, he said:

It was diabolically cruel to plant me and my wife on a day we could come — we were never at Wimbledon before — to see a gang of male Cochrans and Borotras and Gregorays and Tildens and such like perspiring profusely and finally going to pieces after the first two or three games in the heat and never a glimpse of you; and only four females with the privilege of guessing which was Miss Nutty Southall. And my wretched secretary scooped the other ticket and saw you lay out the Ryan lady.

MR. PH THROWN AT VALLEY

IN RUNNING FOR JOCKEY HONOURS

(By "RAPIER")

Mr. H. C. Phi was thrown by Rosalind, an old Australian pony belonging to Mr. Wong Sui Ngau, this morning when nearing the half-mile post.

Happily, he suffered nothing more than a slight shake-up, and he was able to proceed back to the Jockey Club, but he was not seen out again for the rest of the morning. The pony ran back to the stables.

Mr. Phi is in the running for the honour of "Champion Jockey" for 1937. He is only two wins behind

KOWLOON TONG CONTINUE IN WINNING VEIN

Roza & Mrs. Castro Win All Games

The Kowloon Tong Mixed Double badminton team continue in winning vein and last night on their own court, they beat a powerful Recreio "B" team by 6 sets to 3.

A. W. da Roza and Mrs. A. E. H. Castro are playing at the top of their form and again won all three sets, although they had to fight hard against Mr. and Mrs. Sousa and E. A. R. Alves and Miss Remedios.

R. E. Lee and Miss Xavier won two, while F. S. Ko and Mrs. da Roza secured their usual game.

A. M. Rodrigues and Miss S. Remedios played pluckily to win all of their encounters.

Scores:—

R. E. Lee and Miss M. Xavier (K. Tong) beat Mr. and Mrs. E. da Sousa 21—4
lost to A. M. Rodrigues and Miss S. Remedios 18—21
beat E. A. R. Alves and Miss A. Remedios 21—10
A. W. da Roza and Mrs. A. E. H. Castro (K. Tong) beat Mr. and Mrs. Sousa 21—17
beat Rodrigues and Miss Remedios 21—3
beat Alves and Miss Remedios 21—17
F. S. Ko and Mrs. A. W. da Roza (K. Tong) lost to Mr. and Mrs. Sousa 13—21
lost to Rodrigues and Miss Remedios 8—21
beat Alves and Miss Remedios 23—21

Messrs. Black and Liang, and with good mounts placed at his disposal on Saturday, there is just a possibility that he may yet be able to spring a surprise.



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A VERY IMPORTANT SOFTBALL QUESTION AND THE ANSWER FIELDER CANNOT BLOCK BASE-RUNNER

TO-DAY'S SOFTBALL "SPOTLIGHT"

(By "SHORTSTOP")

IN recent Softball arguments held during "post mortems," a question came to the notice of this column, and we are able to give enthusiasts the official ruling by Spalding. The question is:—"Is a fielder permitted to block a runner off a base?" And the official ruling is:—"Only when he actually has the ball in his possession. Otherwise it constitutes an interference and entitles the runner to the base."

Rule 25, Section 5, states a base-runner is entitled to a base "if he is prevented from making a base by the obstruction of a fielder, except when a fielder is trying to field a batted ball, unless the fielder has the ball in his hand ready to touch the base-runner."

The ball is still in play as far as other base-runners are concerned, affecting the runner interfered with after he has reached the base to which he is entitled because of the interference."

With the proximity of the end of the season, there are only four more weeks before the last League game will be played. With the assurance that followers of this column would enjoy reading more about those who are in the local limelight in this sport, we are offering two "spotlights" every week until the conclusion of the season.

TO-DAY'S "SPOTLIGHT"

We give you to-day the President of the H. K. Softball League, George Luke Chow. George has a penchant for presidencies and can always be found running something or other. The old bromide: "Let George do it!" fits him perfectly, and the truth is that he is more than willing to help a good cause by hammering at delinquents to attend Club meeting, or to turn out for practice, or for anything at all. That's George!

And he is so much alive to the responsibilities of a presidency that they rest heavily on his shoulders. But, he says, his shoulders are broad, and he can take it. More power to George!

A CANUCK

Born in Moosejaw, Saskatchewan, Canada, on October 17, 1911, he attended grade school and Central Collegiate there, where many forms of athletics, as well as indoor sports, took up much of his spare time in his earlier youth. However, he wasn't as prominent in baseball and softball during those days, what with ice-hockey, soccer, swimming, track and basketball absorbing most of his attention.

He was in the collegiate basketball team that won the Junior City championship of Saskatchewan in 1927, and he was the runner-up in diving at the Y.M.C.A. Provincial Meet that was held at Regina, the capital, that same year. George is also a gymnast of no mean note, and is adept at the parallel bars.

CIVIC-MINDED

He has been in Hong Kong since 1931, and is now connected with the National City Bank of New York. As George can always be relied upon, and because of his popularity, and the fact that he is one of the staunchest members of the Canadian Chinese Club, he was elected its President for the years 1935-36.

The local Softball League might well be proud of a man of George's calibre at the helm and need have no apprehension as to how League affairs shall be conducted.



SEMI-FINALS OF KOWLOON G. C. CHAMPIONSHIP

PRESIDENT'S AND CAPTAIN'S CUP MATCH

The semi-final rounds of the Kowloon Golf Club championship resulted in F. E. A. Remedios defeating A. J. Dennis 3 and 1, and W. Taylor defeating E. D. da Roza on the last green.

The annual President's and Captains' match will be played on Sunday next, December 19. The following are the starting times:

9.00 R. K. Collings, W. Taylor.
9.04 W. A. Stewart, T. B. Paton.
9.08 A. J. Dennis, A. A. Lopes.
9.12 J. McKelvie, G. P. Murphy.
9.16 R. K. Stott, E. F. Fincher.
9.20 F. C. Barry, S. Jex.
9.24 C. G. Anderson, J. F. Smedley.
9.28 E. O. Murphy, E. Christensen.
9.32 E. C. Fincher, W. J. Woolley.
9.36 W. Bastin, W. Kershaw.
9.40 E. W. Gardiner, E. H. Watts.
9.44 T. Henderson, G. C. Moss.
9.48 J. E. R. Humble, L. J. Cave.
10.02 W. Stoker, H. R. Billings.
10.06 J. M. Boyd, C. W. L. Cole.
10.10 T. C. Lee, J. Kirwin.

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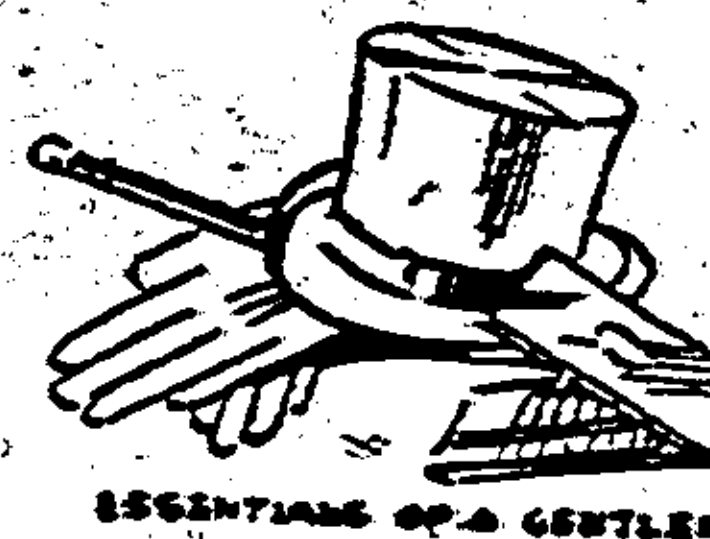
London, To-day.

A very close Rugby struggle was witnessed yesterday when Dublin University beat Cambridge University by two tries (6 points) to a goal (5 points) in their annual match.—Reuter.

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CHINA'S ARMY INTACT AND IN KIANGSI

Shanghai, To-day.

It is now confirmed by reliable sources that the main Chinese army remains intact and is now concentrating between Nanchang and Anking, in Kiangsi Province.

At Nanchang, where Marshal Chiang Kai-shek has established his military headquarters, there are three divisions stationed, the 87th, 88th and 36th divisions, their ranks completed after their losses in Shanghai by new recruits who have undergone rigorous training.

It is known now that twelve complete divisions are intact in the region between Anking and Nanchang.

Japanese bombers visited Nanchang yesterday and are reported to have suffered severely in a dog fight when fifteen Chinese fighting planes intercepted them. — Our Own Correspondent.

SENSATIONAL PANAY OUTRAGE DISCLOSURE

(Continued from Page 1)
throughout the United States.

It is predicted that the story now sweeping through the United States will shatter the pacifist position, and strengthen the hand of the President in any action he may decide is necessary.

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DEATH OF SANDRO SANDRI ON PANAY DEATH INCIDENT

Milan, To-day.

The Italian press publishes prominent obituary notices of Sandro Sandri, the special correspondent of "Stampa," who was killed in the Panay tragedy.

Sandri was one of the most daring of Italian war correspondents.

He took part in Mussolini's march on Rome, and was Marshal Graziani's press chief during the Abyssinian campaign.

He also fought as a volunteer in Spain. — Trans-Ocean.

NEW JAPANESE CONSUL-GENERAL ARRIVES

On the arrival of Mr. T. Nakamura who is taking over the post of Japanese Consul-General in Hong Kong, Mr. Mituzawa, the retiring Consul-General, who is leaving for Tokyo on Friday, is making formal calls on the members of the Consular Body this afternoon, bidding farewell and introducing his successor.

It is learned that with Mr. Mituzawa's departure, Herr Gipperich, the German Consul-General becomes the Senior Consul.

wanton nature of the sinking of the Panay as it does, official Washington's reaction to the report is awaited in London with tense expectancy. — Trans-Ocean.

Rome, To-day.

No official reaction has been expressed over the Panay incident, which resulted in killing of the Italian journalist, Sandro Sandri, and it is not known whether Italy will lodge a protest with Tokyo.

Apparently not, for well-informed quarters said last night that it is a matter which primarily concerns Washington.

Moreover, it is stated, the incident loses in importance as far as Italy is concerned by reason of the fact that Sandri "was a civilian and not a member of the Italian forces stationed in the Far East." — Trans-Ocean.

CHINA HOPING FOR ASSISTANCE OF POWERS

Hankow, To-day.

"China is willing to accept the assistance of the great Powers, but Chinese resistance to the Japanese invaders will continue unrelentingly," Mr. Shao Li Tse declared to the Trans-Ocean Correspondent in an interview to-day.

He emphasised that China would never surrender willingly one province nor renounce her sovereignty over any part of the country, because such actions would render all sacrifices of the past fruitless. Submission to the Japanese, it is stated, would mean the end of China, because this would signify the termination of Marshal Chiang Kai Shek's power and the beginning of a destructive civil war.

"China realises the strength of the Japanese military forces and is cognisant of the fact that her own forces in many respects are inadequate. For this reason the Chinese Ambassadors to the Great Powers have informed the Governments to which they are accredited that China will accept any form of assistance."

SOVIET AID

In reply to a question concerning China's attitude toward the Soviet Union, the speaker declared that assistance of military nature is to be expected from Russia because Japanese penetration into North China constitutes a threat to the Union. For this reason, any action taken by Moscow would be principally for self-defence.

"China is not willing to purchase Russia's assistance at the price of adopting Communism since the Chinese Government through the years of long struggle against Communism has revealed its attitude in that respect."

After emphasising the absurdity of using the Communist pretence as excuse for invasion, Mr. Shao concluded by declaring that China was convinced that friendly Powers would not stand by inactive and watch China destroyed as a nation, or dismembered. — Trans-Ocean.

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Nanking, To-day.

According to information from Japanese sources, all foreign news correspondents who remained in Nanking are safe, including Reuter's special correspondent, Mr. L. C. Smith.

Mr. Smith is still in Nanking. — Reuter.

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